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DIRECTORATE OF REGULATORY OPERATIONS

REGION III

RO Inquiry Report No. 050-263/72-16Q

Northern States Power Company
419 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

License No. DPR-22
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

Inoperable Standby Liquid Control Pump

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10/12/72
(Date)

A. Date and Manner AEC was Informed:

Telephone call from G. Jacobson, Plant Results Engineer, to RO:III
on October 12, 1972.

B. Description of Particular Event or Circumstance:

During a routine surveillance testing of the standby liquid control pumps on October 11, 1972, the No. 12 pump failed to develop the required system head of 1275 psig on one of two tries. On October 12, 1972, the same pump failed on one out of 4 tests. In both cases the discharge pressure was 900 psig. The licensee suspects that one of the piston's check valves maybe hanging up causing the loss in discharge pressure.

C. Action by Licensee:

The licensee has declared the pump inoperable and is getting ready to disassemble it. Pump No. 11 has been tested satisfactorily as required by Technical Specification paragraph 4.4.B.

The licensee plans to report the matter to Licensing within 30 days.

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