



Northern States Power Company

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant  
2807 West Hwy 75  
Monticello, Minnesota 55362-9637

November 15, 1996

Generic Letter 96-05

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
Washington, DC 20555

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Sixty Day Response to NRC Generic Letter 96-05  
Periodic Verification of Design-Basis  
Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves

NRC Generic Letter 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves," dated September 18, 1996, was issued to (1) discusses the periodic verification of the capability of safety-related motor-operated valves (MOV's) to perform their safety functions consistent with the current licensing bases of nuclear plants, (2) requested that addressees implement actions to establish or verify the effectiveness of programs concerning periodic verification of MOV capability, and (3) required that addressees provide to the NRC a written response relating to implementation of the actions requested by the generic letter.

Generic Letter 96-05 contains the following requested action.

*Each addressee of this generic letter is requested to establish a program, or to ensure the effectiveness of its current program, to verify on a periodic basis that safety-related MOV's continue to be capable of performing their safety-related functions within the current licensing basis of the facility. The program should ensure that changes in required performance resulting from degradation (such as those caused by age) can be properly identified and accounted for. Addressees that have developed periodic verification programs in response to GL 89-10 should review those programs to determine whether any changes are appropriate in light of the information in this generic letter.*

Within 180 days of the date of the generic letter, addressees are requested to submit a written summary description of its MOV periodic verification program. Within sixty days of the date of the generic letter, addressees are required to provide the NRC a written response concerning implementation of Generic Letter 96-05. This submittal provides the required sixty day response for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

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The sixty day Generic Letter 96-05 response requires the following.

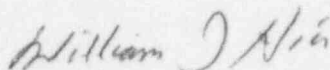
- (1) Whether or not the requested actions will be completed.
- (2) A schedule for completing implementation.

Monticello Response

Monticello commits to the following with respect to NRC Generic Letter 96-05.

1. Monticello will complete the actions requested by Generic Letter 96-05 for MOVs within Monticello's GL 89-10 program scope. Monticello will submit a summary report of requested information within 180 days of the date of the generic letter. The schedule for implementation of the MOV periodic verification program will be submitted with our 180 day summary report.

Please contact Marv Engen, Sr Licensing Engineer, at (612) 295-1291 if you require further information.



William J Hill  
Plant Manager  
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

c: Regional Administrator - III, NRC  
NRR Project Manager, NRC  
Sr Resident Inspector, NRC  
State of Minnesota, Attn: Kris Sanda

Attachment: Affidavit to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-263

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PERIODIC VERIFICATION OF DESIGN-BASIS  
CAPABILITY OF SAFETY-RELATED MOTOR-OPERATED VALVES

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, by letter dated November 15, 1996, provides the required sixty day response to NRC Generic Letter 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves." This letter contains no restricted or other defense information.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

By William J Hill

William J Hill  
Plant Manager  
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

On this 15th day of November 1996 before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared William J Hill, Plant Manager, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof, and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

Marvin R Engen

Marvin R Engen  
Notary Public - Minnesota  
Sherburne County  
My Commission Expires January 31, 2000

