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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
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NSP Submittal of Special Report Required by
Monticello Technical Specification 3.13.B.3.b

This letter includes a special report in accordance with Section 3.13.B, Fire Suppression Water System, of the Monticello Technical Specifications. Section 3.13.B.3.b includes the following requirement with regard to more than one fire pump simultaneously inoperable.

With the fire suppression water systems otherwise inoperable...[P]rovide a special report to the Commission within 14 days outlining the actions taken and the plans and schedule for restoring the system to operable status.

Accordingly, NSP is providing the following special report.

On January 4, 2000 at 3:34 A.M., two of the three fire protection pumps were removed from service as the result of the system configuration necessary to support planned maintenance. This maintenance involved the replacement of a strainer backwash valve and check valve inspections. The system configuration for the maintenance required an isolation of the common header from the two fire pumps. Both fire pumps were returned to service on January 4, 2000 at 6:00 P.M.

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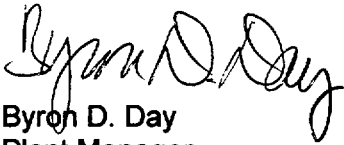
The following compensatory actions were taken when the pumps were inoperable.

The Monticello Fire Department pumper truck was onsite and available for use.

Work requiring the use of ignition sources was prohibited in the affected areas.

Contingency plans were in place to terminate the aforementioned valve maintenance and restore the fire suppression system in an expeditious manner.

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