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NRC Accepts Application for Monticello Subsequent License Renewal; Announces Opportunity to Request a Hearing

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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has accepted for review an application from Northern States Power Company-Minnesota, requesting an additional 20 years for the renewed operating license of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. The company submitted the subsequent license renewal application Jan. 9.

The <u>application</u>, with proprietary details removed, is available on the NRC website. The company is seeking a subsequent renewal for Monticello, a boiling-water reactor in Monticello, Minnesota, located approximately 35 miles northwest of Minneapolis. The NRC approved the initial license renewal in November 2006, with the reactor currently licensed to operate through Sept. 8, 2030. Subsequent license renewal would extend the license to Sept. 8, 2050.

Accepting the application for review, or "docketing" the application, does not indicate whether the Commission will approve or reject the request. More information about <u>subsequent</u> <u>license renewal</u> is available on the NRC website.

The NRC has published in the Federal Register a <u>notice of opportunity</u> to request a hearing or petition to intervene in an adjudicatory hearing. Requests for hearing and petitions to intervene in a hearing must be filed no later than May 2, by anyone whose interest may be affected by the proposed license renewal and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. More information on the <u>hearing process</u> is available on the NRC website.