

April 25, 2000

Mr. Michael D. Wadley, President  
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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO AND PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANTS -  
REQUEST TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
(TAC NO. MA8616)

Dear Mr. Wadley:

By letter and affidavit dated March 14, 2000, Northern States Power Company (NSP) submitted its guarantee of payment of deferred premiums and requested that Attachment 2, "NSP's 1999 Actual Cash Flow and 2000 Projected Cash Flow," be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

Your affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

The material for which exemption from disclosure is sought is confidential financial information.

The information is transmitted to the NRC in confidence. The information is considered company confidential and has been held in confidence by NSP.

The information is of the type customarily held in confidence by NSP and the rationale basis is that it would provide an unfair advantage to competitors if it were disclosed. The information is not available from public sources.

Public disclosure of the information sought to be withheld is likely to cause harm to NSP's competitive position and reduce the availability of profit-making opportunities.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, Attachment 2 (NSP's 1999 Actual Cash Flow and 2000 Projected Cash Flow), marked as proprietary, will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information. If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future so that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You should also understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination contrary to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-2296.

Sincerely,

***/RA by Tae Kim for/***

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