



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
REGION IV  
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Northern States Power Company  
Licensing and Management Issues  
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF LICENSE NO. 22-08799-02**

This is in response to your letter dated October 29, 1999, wherein the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) was informed of the transfer of License No. 22-08799-02 effective May, 2000. This consent to the transfer is requested due to the proposed merger of Northern States Power Company (NSP) and New Century Energies, Inc. (NCE). It is our understanding that New NSP agrees to abide by all constraints, conditions, requirements, representations, and commitments identified in the existing license.

Review of the above document indicates that the transfer of control described above is in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 919), including any amendments thereto, and we hereby give NRC consent to same pursuant to Section 30.34(b) of 10 CFR Part 30.

Response to Items 9 through 12 of Exhibit H of your letter dated October 29, 1999, states, in part, that the financial instruments established pursuant to 10 CFR 30.35, for decommissioning funding will require revision to reflect the incorporation of New NSP as a subsidiary of Xcel Energy in the state of Minnesota. No other change in the applicable decommissioning plans is currently anticipated due to this proposed NRC licensing action. The financial instruments will be revised after the consummation of the proposed merger and will be filed, along with the new certifications, with the NRC at that time.

As soon as possible after the proposed merger is finalized, please submit either 1) a copy of the transfer agreement which identifies the successor (transferee), signed and notarized by all parties (transferor and the transferee); **or** 2) a new financial instrument that identifies the new licensee (transferee).

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 817-860-8132.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Docket: 030-05004