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Gentlemen:

The Commission has filed the enclosed "Notice of Consideration of Modification to Facility Spent Fuel Storage Pool" with the Office of the Federal Register for publication. This notice relates to your letter of August 17, 1977, regarding modification of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Spent Fuel Storage Pool to increase the storage capacity from 740 to 2237 fuel assemblies, and to your related license amendment request dated September 12, 1977.

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-263

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO
FACILITY SPENT FUEL STORAGE POOL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering *of a proposed amendment* the approval of a modification to the spent fuel storage pool of the *issuance* ~~Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (the facility)~~ operated under *to* Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to the Northern States Power Company *(licensee) for the Monticello Nuclear* The facility is a boiling water reactor located in *Generating* Wright County, Minnesota, and currently authorized for operation at *plant (the* power levels up to 1670 Mwt. *facility) which would authorize* *a* *modification to the spent fuel storage pool.* The proposed ~~modification being considered~~ *amendment would authorize* involves replacement of the existing racks in the spent fuel storage pool of the facility with racks of a design capable of accommodating up to 2237 fuel assemblies in accordance with the licensee's letter dated August 17, 1977, and license *Thereafter, the licensee would be able to operate the* amendment request dated September 12, 1977. The existing racks have a capacity for storage of 740 fuel assemblies. *facility with this larger spent fuel storage capacity.* Prior to approval of the proposed modification and license amendment, the Commission will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations.

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both his interest and his contentions with regard to each aspect on which intervention is requested. Petitions stating contentions relating only to matters outside the Commission's jurisdiction will be denied.

All petitions will be acted upon by the Commission or licensing board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Timely petitions will be considered to determine whether a hearing should be noticed or another appropriate order issued regarding the disposition of the petitions.

In the event that a hearing is held and a person is permitted to intervene, he becomes a party to the proceeding and has the right to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing. For example, he may present evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's letter dated August 17, 1977, and related license amendment ^{request} dated September 12, 1977, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and at The Environmental Conservation Library, Minneapolis Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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