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Dear Mr. Parker:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 69 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-22:
(TAC NO. 72642)

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A copy of our related Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. The notice of issuance will be included in the Commission's regular biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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1. Amendment No. 69 to License No. DPR-22
2. Safety Evaluation

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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 69
License No. DPR-22

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Northern States Power Company (the licensee) dated March 7, 1989, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.2 of Facility Operating License No. DPR-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 69, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

John O. Thoma

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: September 12, 1989

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 69

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-22

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Revise Appendix A Technical Specifications by removing the pages identified below and inserting the attached page. The revised page is identified by amendment number and contains marginal lines indicating the area of change.

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B. Operations Committee (OC)

1. Membership

The Operations Committee shall consist of at least six (6) regular members drawn from the key supervisors of the on-site supervisory staff. The Plant Manager shall serve as Chairman of the OC and shall appoint a regular member to act as Vice Chairman in his absence. Alternates to the regular members shall be designated in writing by the Chairman, or Vice Chairman in the Chairman's absence, to serve on a temporary basis. No more than two alternates shall participate as voting members of the Operations Committee at any one time.

2. Meeting Frequency

The Operations Committee will meet on call by the Chairman or as requested by individual members and at least monthly.

3. Quorum

A quorum shall include a majority of the membership, including the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

4. Responsibilities - The following subjects shall be reviewed by the Operations Committee:

- a. Proposed tests and experiments and their results.
- b. Modifications to plant systems or equipment as described in the Updated Safety Analysis Report and having nuclear safety significance or which involve an unreviewed safety question as defined in 10 CFR 50.59.
- c. Proposals which would effect permanent changes to normal and emergency operating procedures and any other proposed changes or procedures that are determined by the Plant Manager to affect nuclear safety.
- d. Proposed changes to the Technical Specifications or operating license.
- e. All reported or suspected violations of Technical Specifications, operating license requirements, administrative procedures, or operating procedures. Results of investigations, including evaluation and recommendations to prevent recurrence, will be reported, in writing, to the General Manager Nuclear Plants and to the Chairman of the Safety Audit Committee.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 69 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-22
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated March 7, 1989, Northern States Power Company (the licensee) submitted a license amendment application proposing to revise the Monticello Technical Specifications (TS) to permit the use of alternates in meeting the quorum requirement for the plant Operations Committee (OC). The plant OC consists of at least six (6) members drawn from key supervisors of the Onsite Supervisory Staff, whose responsibilities include the review of: (1) modifications to plant systems or components described in the Updated Safety Analysis Report for Monticello; (2) changes to normal and emergency operating procedures; (3) TS change proposals; and (4) the results of TS violation investigations.

The specific TS changes proposed are as follows:

- Change paragraph "6.2.B.1" to "6.2.B.1.a."
- In the first sentence of paragraph 6.2.B.1, change "...at least six (6) members...." to "...at least six (6) regular members...."
- In the second sentence of paragraph 6.2.B.1, change "...appoint a Vice Chairman from the OC membership to act in his absence...." to "...appoint a regular member to act as Vice Chairman in his absence...."
- Add two new sentences at the end of paragraph 6.2.B.1 to read: "Alternates to the regular members shall be designated in writing by the Chairman, or Vice Chairman in the Chairman's absence, to serve on a temporary basis. No more than two alternates shall participate as voting members of the Operations Committee at any one time."
- In paragraph 6.2.B.4, change "...a majority of the permanent members...." to "...a majority of the membership...."

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2.0 DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION

The TS for Monticello currently do not address the use of alternates on the plant OC in meeting the quorum requirement. The day-to-day plant operational demands placed on the onsite supervisory staff who also serve on the plant OC as permanent or regular members, and the related multiple responsibilities on those individuals, necessitates the use of alternates in order to provide some flexibility in operating the plant. The need for such flexibility and the use of alternates for the plant OC was recognized by the NRC staff in the development of the Standard Technical Specifications, developed for General Electric boiling water reactor which: (1) allows the use of alternates for regular OC members in meeting the committee quorum requirement, thereby reducing the heavy time demands placed on plant OC regular members; and (2) provides for a reasonable degree of flexibility in the day-to-day business of plant operational activities which will not compromise safety.

The TS changes proposed by the licensee will allow the use of up to two (2) alternates for meeting the plant OC quorum requirement; and no more than two alternates would participate as voting members at any one time on the plant OC. OC team members are defined as regular members being individuals who normally fill OC positions, while OC alternates are defined as membership positions filled by anyone other than a regular member, designated to serve as an alternate in writing by the OC Chairman or Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

The proposed TS changes, and the basis provided by the licensee in support of those changes, have been reviewed and are found to be reasonable and acceptable as proposed. The changes being accepted for the Monticello TS are consistent and similar to those found acceptable by the NRC staff for other licensed nuclear plant TS and conform with the plant OC membership and quorum requirements set forth in the Standard Technical Specifications. The changes do not affect the physical configuration of the plant or how it is operated. Nor are plant systems or operating procedures affected by this change. The change merely provides the licensee with administrative flexibility to more efficiently and effectively utilize and schedule onsite supervisory staff for the day-to-day operations of the plant and the functioning of the plant OC.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment involves changes in recordkeeping, reporting or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, with respect to these items, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

4.0 CONCLUSION

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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Dated: September 12, 1989