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Gentlemen.

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The Commission has filed the enclosed "Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses" with the Office of the Federal Register for publication. The notice relates to your request dated February 2, 1976, for amendments to License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60 for Units 1 and 2 of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant to incorporate operating limits in the Technical Specifications based on an acceptable evaluation model that conforms with the requirements of Section 50.46 of 19 CFR Part 50.

A copy of our Safety Evaluation related to your request will be sent to you and placed in the public record when it is completed.

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cc w/enclosure and cy of NSPCo filings dated 7/9/75 and 2/2/76: Mr. Norman M. Clapp, Chairman Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Hill Farms State Office Building Madison, Wisconsin 53702

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NOS. 50-282 AND 50-306

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60 issued to the Northern States Power Company (the licensee) for operation of Units 1 and 2 of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (the facilities), pressurized-water reactors, located in Goodhue County, Minnesota, and each currently authorized for operation at power levels up to 1650 MWt.

In accordance with the licensee's application for a license amendment dated February 2, 1976, the amendments would modify operating limits in the Technical Specifications based upon an evaluation of ECCS performance calculated in accordance with an acceptable evaluation model that conforms to the requirements of the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Section 50.46. The amendments would modify various limits established in accordance with the Commission's Interim Acceptance Criteria, and would, with respect to the facilities, terminate the further restrictions imposed by the Commission's December 27, 1974 Order for Modification of License, and would impose

instead, limitations established in accordance with the Commission's Acceptance Criteria for Emergency Core Cooling Systems for Light Water Nuclear Power Reactors, 10 CFR Section 50.46.

Prior to issuance of the proposed license amendments, 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.

hearing and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in the form of a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the issuance of these amendments to the subject facility operating licenses. Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed under oath or affirmation in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.714 of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations. A petition for leave to intervene must set forth the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, and the petitioner's contentions with respect to the proposed licensing actions. Such petitions must be filed in accordance with the provisions of this FEDERAL REGISTER Notice and Section 2.714, and must be filed with

the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, by the above date. A copy of the petition and/or request for a hearing should be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555 and to Gerald Charnoff, Esquire of Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge, 1800 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036, the attorney for the licensee.

A petition for leave to intervene must be accompanied by a supporting affidavit which identifies the specific aspect or aspects of the proceeding as to which intervention is desired and specifies with particularity the facts on which the petitioner relies as to 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 a 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 prespect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated Pebruary 2, 1976 and an earlier filing dated July 9, 1975, and (2) the Commission's Order for Modification of License and the documents referred to in the Order dated December 27, 1974 published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on January 9, 1975 (40 FR 1770), which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, H. W., Washington, B. C., and at The Environmental Conservation Library, Minneapolis Public Library, 309 Micollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. The license amendments and the Safety Evaluation, when issued, may be inspected at the above locations, and a single copy of each may be obtained upon request addressed to the E. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, B. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 26thday of February, 1976.

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