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ATTN: Mr. A. V. Dienhart
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Sincerely,

Karl Kniel, Chief Light Water Reactors Branch 2-2 Directorate of Licensing

Enclosures:

- Amendment No. 3 to DPR-42
- Federal Register Notice

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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-282

PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 3 License No. DPR-42

- 1. The Atomic Energy Commission (the Commission) having found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Northern States Power Company (the licensee) dated May 8, 1974, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B The facility will operate in conformity with the license, 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. Prior public notice of this amendment is not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.
- 2. Accordingly, Paragraph 2.B. (3) of Facility License DPR-42 is hereby amended to include the following:
 - "(g) Californium-252, 2 sealed neutron sources not to exceed 200 millicuries per source."

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

FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION:

Voss A. Moore, Assistant Director for Light Water Reactors, Group 2 Directorate of Licensing

Date of Issuance: JUL 1 8 1974

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF FACILITY LICENSE AMENDMENT

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The amendment revised the license to authorize receipt, possession, and use of californium-252 sources in connection with operation of the facility. The description of the program, facilities, personnel and procedures for safe storage, handling, and use of radioactive materials has been found acceptable by the Regulatory staff. On the basis of our evaluation, we have concluded that 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 that the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The application for the amendment complies with the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations, and the Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter 1, which are set forth in the license amdnement.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated May 8, 1974, and (2) Amendment No. 3 to License DPR-42. These are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, D. C., and at the Environmental Library of Minnesota, 1222 S. E. 4th Street, Minnesotis, Minnesota 55414.

A copy of item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, Attention: Deputy Director for Reactor Projects, Directorate of Licensing - Regulation.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 18 day of July 1974.

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