

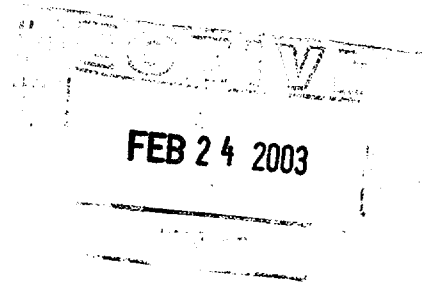


February 21, 2003

10 CFR 30.36

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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CC:
Attn: Charles L. Cain
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV
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PATHFINDER GENERATING PLANT
DOCKET 030-05004
LICENSE No. 22-08799-02

Subject: Notification to Permanently Cease Principal Activities

On December 31, 2002, Northern States Power, D/B/A "Xcel Energy" permanently ceased principal activity at the Pathfinder Generating Plant, Angus Anson Site in areas that contain residual radioactivity. The NRC Regulation 10 CFR part 30.36(d) requires notification of this occurrence within 60 days of the date of cessation of principal activity. In accordance with this requirement, Xcel Energy is providing the 60-day notice to the NRC for the Pathfinder Generating Plant, Angus Anson Site located at 7100 East Rice Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Coincident with the notification requirement, Xcel Energy will continue to maintain in effect all decommissioning financial assurances established by Xcel Energy pursuant to 10 CFR 30.35. Xcel Energy will limit actions involving byproduct material to decommissioning and continue to control entry to restricted areas until they are suitable for release in accordance with NRC requirements. The possession of fixed activation products at the Pathfinder facility remains intact, and continues in our possession in accord with the provisions of the license and pertinent NRC regulations.

A decommissioning plan will be submitted as required by State and/or Federal regulation or determined necessary to demonstrate that the facility is suitable for release in accordance with State and Federal requirements. NUREG 1757, Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance, will be utilized to determine decommissioning plan criteria. The decommissioning plan will include the following elements as a minimum:

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1. A description of the conditions of the site sufficient to evaluate the acceptability of the plan;
2. A description of planned decommissioning activities;
3. A description of methods used to ensure protection of workers and the environment against radiation hazards during decommissioning: and
4. A description of planned final radiation survey.
5. An updated detail cost estimate for decommissioning, comparison of estimate with present funds set aside for decommissioning and a plan for assuring the availability of adequate funds for completion of decommissioning.

Xcel Energy or a delegated representative will submit within 12 months of this notification a decommissioning plan as required by NRC regulations.

Xcel Energy will commence decommissioning activities when the NRC approves the Decommissioning Plan.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Fuller
Vice President, Operations
Xcel Energy

CC: Regional Administrator, USNRC, Region IV
Radiation Safety Officer, Pathfinder Generating Plant
Dan Selken, MNGP
James Holthaus, NMC Plant Life Cycle Issues

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DATE

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter/application dated 2/21/03, and to inform you that the initial processing, which includes an administrative review, has been performed.

There were no administrative omissions. Your application will be assigned to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review may identify additional omissions or require additional information.

Please provide to this office within 30 days of your receipt of this card:

The action you requested is normally processed in 90 days.

A copy of your action has been forwarded to our License Fee & Accounts Receivable Branch, who will contact you separately if there is a fee issue involved.

Your action has been assigned Mail Control Number 469523.
When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this mail control number.
You may call me at 817-860-8103.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Murnahan
Licensing Assistant

NRC FORM 532 (RV)
(11-1999)

BETWEEN:
License Fee Management Branch, ARM
and
Regional Licensing Sections

(FOR LFMS USE)
INFORMATION FROM LTS

Program Code: 03124
Status Code: 0
Fee Category: 3P
Exp. Date: 20070531
Fee Comments: STORAGE ONLY EFF 11/9/92
Decom Fin Assur Req'd: Y

LICENSE FEE TRANSMITTAL

A. REGION

1. APPLICATION ATTACHED
Applicant/Licensee: NORTHERN STATES POWER CO.
Received Date: 20030224
Docket No.: 3005004
Control No.: 469523
License No.: 22-08799-02
Action Type: Notifications

2. FEE ATTACHED
Amount: _____
Check No.: _____

3. COMMENTS

Signed Colleen Munnahan
Date 3/7/03

B. LICENSE FEE MANAGEMENT BRANCH (Check when milestone 03 is entered /___/)

1. Fee Category and Amount: _____

2. Correct Fee Paid. Application may be processed for:
Amendment _____
Renewal _____
License _____

3. OTHER _____

Signed _____
Date _____