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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III
Materials Licensing Branch
2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210
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Northern States Power Company
Docket No. 030-13543
License No. 22-08799-09

**BYPRODUCT MATERIAL LICENSE- APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

By letter dated December 18, 2007, Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) submitted an Application for Amendment to a Byproduct Material License. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to change the individual designated on the license as the Radiation Safety Officer. The purpose of this letter is to respond to questions discussed during a teleconference between NMC and NRC staff on January 4, 2008. Specifically, the NRC staff questioned why the certifying officer who signed the amendment and the newly proposed Radiation Safety Officer are employees of Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) when the license is in the name of Northern States Power Company (NSP). The staff also requested information to address under what authority employees of NMC act for NSP.

The NRC approved transfer of the 10 CFR Part 50 operating licenses from NSP to NMC for the Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants on May 15, 2000. The transfer of operating authority and the conforming license amendments became effective on August 7, 2000. The revised NRC licenses for Monticello and Prairie Island that went into effect on August 7, 2000 note that NMC is authorized to act as agent for NSP and has exclusive responsibility and control over physical construction, operation, and maintenance of the facilities.

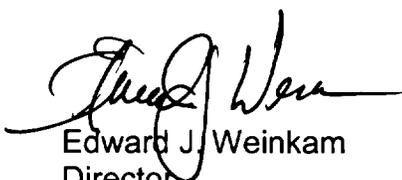
The authority for NMC to act as an agent for NSP with the NRC is further expanded upon in the "Nuclear Power Plant Operating Services Agreements Between NSP and NMC for the Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants" provided to the NRC in NSP's November 24, 1999 License Amendment Request to transfer the Part 50 operating licenses. In those Agreements, Article 2 – NMC's Authority and Responsibility with Respect to Operation of the Plant, Paragraph 2.1 – Authority for Operation, Subsection (a) states,

"Contracting Owner hereby grants NMC the authority to take any and all actions, in, Contracting Owner's name and on Contracting Owner's behalf, necessary to obtain and/or maintain the Operating License and all licenses and permits issued by the NRC or other regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over any aspect of the Cost of Operation Cost of Capital Improvements, making of Capital Improvements and/or Operation of the Plant."

The specific Byproduct Material License, 22-08799-09 that is the subject of the December 18, 2007, Application for Amendment, is used under specific conditions to support ongoing operation and maintenance activities at the Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants. As such, NSP has granted NMC the authority to act as its agent with the NRC for activities under this byproduct license. The authority for NMC to act as NSP's agent for matters related to the operation of Monticello and Prairie Island was recognized by the NRC in the May 15, 2000, order and license amendments that became effective on August 7, 2000.

In addition, it should be noted that NMC and NSP are preparing license amendment requests to transfer operating authority of the Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants from NMC back to NSP. In the interim, Mr. Dennis Koehl, the Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer of NMC (who signed the December 18, 2007, Byproduct Material License – Application for Amendment) was also named an Officer of NSP, effective on January 2, 2008. He will serve this dual role until the Monticello and Prairie Island operating license transfers are approved and become effective.

In addition, at the staff's request, a copy of the amended Bank of America letter of credit (SLC74470MMSP) with the correct NRC Region III address is included as an enclosure to this letter.



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Enclosure: (1)

Cc: Regional Administrator, Region III, USNRC
Resident Inspector, Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, USNRC
Resident Inspector, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, USNRC

ENCLOSURE 1

Revised Letter of Credit

SLC74470MMSP

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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THE ABOVE MENTIONED CREDIT IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

BENEFICIARY AMENDED TO READ:
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THIS AMENDMENT IS TO BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE ABOVE CREDIT AND MUST BE ATTACHED THERETO.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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