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SUBJECT: Submits clarification of licensing fee requirements re request for exemption from 10CFR50, App R, Section III.J requirements. Exemption requests made per 10CFR50.12. No licensing fee required by 10CFR170 & per previous guidance.

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Clarification of Licensing Fee Requirements

- References:
- (a) Northern States Power Company Request for Relief from the Requirements of Section III.J of Appendix R to 10 CFR 50 dated February 26, 1981
 - (b) Your letter dated March 20, 1981
 - (c) Letter from William O Miller, Chief, License Fee Management Branch, Office of Administration, USNRC, to L O Mayer, Northern States Power Company, dated July 12, 1979.

Reference (a) was a request for exemption from the requirements of Section III.J of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 submitted by Northern States Power Company for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. No fee accompanied this request. Reference (b) stated that a fee of \$4000.00 was determined to be necessary to process this request.

Based on guidance received in the past from the NRC Staff (Enclosure No. 7 to Reference (c)), we believe no licensing fee is required by 10 CFR Part 170. While not explicitly stated in our February 26, 1981 exemption request, the request was made in accordance with 10 CFR Section 50.12. Requests for exemption from the requirements of Section III.G of Appendix R dated March 13, 1981 for both our Monticello and Prairie Island plants were also submitted in accordance with Section 50.12. Licensing fees do not appear to be applicable or appropriate for submittals of this nature.

If we have misunderstood the licensing fee requirements in this area, or if the Staff's guidance has changed since Reference (c) was provided to us, please contact us.

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