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Docket No. 50-263

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Mr. Walter Barfnecht, Chairman
Wright County Board of Commissioners
Wright County, Minnesota 55798

Dear Mr. Barfnecht:

The Northern States Power Company (the licensee) is the holder of Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22, issued by the Atomic Energy Commission on September 8, 1970. The license authorizes operation of a boiling water nuclear power reactor designated as the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, at the licensee's site in Wright and Sherburne Counties, Minnesota. The facility is designed for initial operation at approximately 1670 megawatts (thermal).

In accordance with section E.3 of the Commission's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Appendix D of 10 CFR Part 50 (Appendix D), the licensee has furnished to the Commission a written statement of reasons, with supporting factual submission, why the license should not be suspended, in whole or in part, pending completion of the NEPA environmental review. This statement of reasons was furnished to the Commission on October 15, 1971.

The Director of Regulation has considered the licensee's submission in the light of the criteria set out in section E.2 of Appendix D, and has determined, after considering and balancing criteria in section E.2 of Appendix D, that operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant authorized pursuant to DPR-22 should not be suspended pending completion of the NEPA environmental review.

Further details of this determination are set forth in a document entitled "Discussion and Findings by the Division of Reactor Licensing, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Relating to Consideration of Suspension Pending NEPA Environmental Review of the Provisional Operating License DPR-22 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Docket No. 50-263," copy enclosed.

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Mr. Walter Barfnecht

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A copy of a related notice which has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
Roger S. Boyd

Roger S. Boyd, Assistant Director
for Boiling Water Reactors
Division of Reactor Licensing

Enclosures:

- 1. Discussion & Findings
- 2. Federal Register Notice

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Honorable Wendall R. Anderson
Governor of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

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