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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

Revised License Amendment Request
Environmental Technical Specifications

Our letter of October 29, 1973 formally submitted proposed Environmental Technical Specifications for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. Sporadically over the years we have exchanged, on an informal basis, revised proposed Technical Specifications based on changing circumstances. Supported by the following information this letter withdraws our application for Appendix B Technical Specifications and proposes compensating reporting requirements to be incorporated under Section 6.7.C.3 of the existing Appendix A Technical Specifications. Because this request is a revision of an earlier amendment request, no new license fee is involved.

On August 26, 1977 the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the permitting agency under the US Environmental Protection Agency, issued the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. MN 0000868 covering the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, a copy of which is attached for your use in connection with this License Amendment Request. Although the expiration date shown on the NPDES Permit is June 30, 1982, we have, on a timely basis, applied for a reissuance and in the interim, until a new permit is issued, the prior permit remains effective. There likely will be minor revisions in the reissued permit but no relevant change is expected so the prior permit should be sufficient for review of this request.

The NPDES Permit contains effluent limitations and monitoring requirements, ecological monitoring, together with reporting and administrative requirements. The NPDES requirements will provide appropriate protection for the environment which is confirmed to in a letter dated September 18, 1979 from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to NRC.

For many years prior to the NPDES Permit, NSP conducted extensive environmental and ecological monitoring prescribed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This program was undertaken three years prior to beginning operation of the Monticello Plant and is still continuing although certain modifications and reductions have taken place over the years.

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This program, together with the effluent and monitoring requirements of the NPDES Permit, give assurance of adequate controls to protect the environment.

Regarding the use of herbicides to control undesirable vegetation within the transmission line corridors associated with the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, it appears that sufficient controls are in place by appropriate state and federal agencies. Herbicides used in the right of way maintenance are restricted to only those herbicides and methods of application approved by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the US Environmental Protection Agency. There will be no application of herbicides in or near any environmentally sensitive area as determined by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Furthermore, application of herbicides will be conducted by individuals licensed by the State of Minnesota. Nearly all of the herbicide application is by appropriate basal treatment during the fall season which minimizes the environmental effect. Furthermore where the right of way is on easements, the land owner's permission is secured prior to herbicide application. With the above controls in effect, no identified environmental problems have been created by transmission line right of way maintenance, since the lines were first placed in service more than twelve years ago.

Our revised License Amendment Request for Monticello dated July 23, 1982, proposed technical specification changes related to radioactive effluents and included changes under section 6.0 Administrative Controls. It was requested that these technical specification changes be issued with an implementation date of January 1, 1983. Certain changes are shown under 6.7.C covering written reports to NRC for non-radiological, non-aquatic events. This language is intended to substitute for Environmental Technical Specifications and is the same language used to compensate for deletion of the Environmental Technical Specifications for our Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant. This action was facilitated by your Environmental Impact Appraisal dated February 26, 1982 supporting Amendment Nos. 54 and 48 to the Facility Operating Licenses for our Prairie Island Plant.

Attached as Exhibit A is a Monticello Technical Specification page revised to address the transmission line right of way matter. With this change, the requirements of Section 6.7.C will adequately justify omission of Environmental Technical Specifications.



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Manager - Nuclear Support Services

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Attachment

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

Docket No. 50-263

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO
OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-22

(Revised License Amendment Request - Environmental Technical Specifications.)

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, request authorization for changes to the Technical Specifications as shown on the attachment labeled Exhibit A. Exhibit A is a set of Technical Specification pages incorporating the proposed changes.

This letter contains no restricted or other defense information.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

By David Musolf
David Musolf
Manager - Nuclear Support Services

On this 24th day of November, 1982 before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared David Musolf, Manager - Nuclear Support Services, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof and that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

Betty J. Dean

