

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL

Before the Licensing Board:

Michael M. Gibson, Chairman  
Dr. Gary S. Arnold  
Dr. Robert B. Matthews

In the Matter of

NORTHERN STATES POWER CO.

(Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant  
Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation)

Docket No. 72-10-ISFSI-2

ASLBP No. 12-922-01-ISFSI-MLR-BD01

October 9, 2012

NOTICE AND ORDER  
(Scheduling Prehearing Conference)

On September 18, 2012,<sup>1</sup> this Board notified the parties that it would convene an initial prehearing conference and oral argument regarding the petition<sup>2</sup> of the Prairie Island Indian Community (PIIC) to intervene in this 10 C.F.R. Part 72 licensing proceeding concerning the application of Northern States Power Company (Northern States) for renewal of its license to operate an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) at the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant in Red Wing, Minnesota.<sup>3</sup>

The prehearing conference will convene on Thursday, November 8, 2012 and continue on Friday, November 9, 2012 as necessary. The conference will take place in the Devitt Courtroom of the Warren E. Burger Federal Building & United States Courthouse, 316 North

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<sup>1</sup> Licensing Board Order (Granting Motions for Extension of Time and Setting Dates for Oral Argument) (Sept. 18, 2012) at 2 (unpublished).

<sup>2</sup> Prairie Island Indian Community's Request for Hearing and Petition to Intervene in License Renewal Proceeding for the Prairie Island [ISFSI] (Aug. 24, 1012).

<sup>3</sup> See License Renewal Application for Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, 77 Fed. Reg. 37,937 (June 25, 2012).

Robert Street, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Proceedings will commence at 9:00 a.m. each day and will conclude no later than 5:00 p.m.

Oral argument will only be heard from the duly authorized representatives or counsel for PIIC, Northern States, and the NRC Staff who have entered an appearance pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.314(b).<sup>4</sup> The parties need not prepare opening statements; the Board will pose its questions to PIIC, Northern States, and the NRC Staff, addressing each of PIIC's seven proffered contentions and possibly PIIC's standing.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY  
AND LICENSING BOARD

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Michael M. Gibson  
CHAIRMAN

Rockville, Maryland

October 9, 2012

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<sup>4</sup> No witnesses, other representatives of the parties, or members of the public will be heard at this time. However, members of the public and representatives of the media are welcome to attend and observe this proceeding.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **NOTICE AND ORDER (SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE)** have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange or by electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk\*.

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