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Attached you will find the comments of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation, doing business as Xcel Energy, regarding the NRC's proposed rule filed under the subject docket, as issued in the Federal Register on September 18, 2015 (80 FR 56820).

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Northern States Power Company - Minnesota Comments on Incorporation by Reference of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Codes and Code Cases, 10 CFR Part 50, RIN 3150-AI97

On September 18, 2015, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued a proposed rule in the Federal Register (80 FR 56820) to incorporate by reference seven recent editions and addenda to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) codes for nuclear power plants and a standard for quality assurance.

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (NSPM), d/b/a Xcel Energy, operator of the Monticello and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants, wholly endorses the comments made by ASME dated November 30, 2015.

If there are any questions, or if additional information is required, please contact Mr. Christopher Koehler, Principal Engineer, at (612) 330-6755.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martin C. Murphy for'.

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