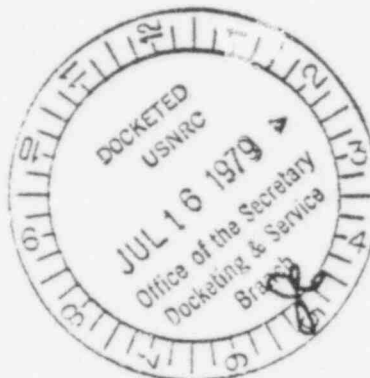


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In the Matter of
Northern States Power Company, et al.
(Tyrone Energy Park, Unit 1)
Docket No. STN 50-484

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed a copy of a news release issued on July 10, 1979, by Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, with respect to the future of Tyrone Energy Park and the recommendation which the Company's Board of Directors has made to its wholly owned subsidiary, Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation.

We will keep you advised of any further developments which change the status of the Tyrone Energy Park project.

Respectfully submitted,

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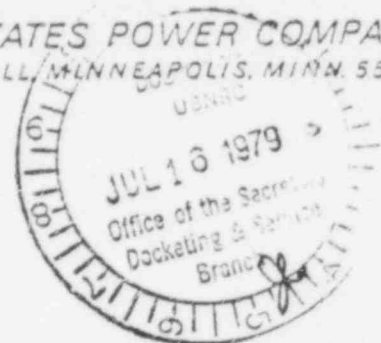
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NSP CLARIFIES TYRONE FUTURE

Donald W. McCarthy, Northern States Power Co. (NSP) board chairman and president, said today that no final decision has been made on the future of the Tyrone Energy Park nuclear plant proposed for western Wisconsin.

Clarifying a July 10 Minneapolis Tribune article, McCarthy noted that the final decision rests with the co-owners of the proposed 1,100-megawatt power plant. Those owners are: NSP-Wisconsin of Eau Claire, Wisc.; Dairyland Power Cooperative of La Crosse, Wisc.; Cooperative Power Association of Edina, Minn.; and Lake Superior District Power Co. of Ashland, Wisc.

McCarthy said, "The future of the facility has been under study since the Wisconsin Public Service Commission denied the project's application for a certificate of need last March. (That decision has been appealed by the co-owners in Eau Claire County Circuit Court.)

"The main concern in evaluating the project has been the prospects for licensing and bringing the plant into service when it's needed to serve the co-owners' customers," he added.

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McCarthy noted that NSP-Minnesota's Board of Directors has recommended that the NSP-Wisconsin's board authorize that company's management to proceed with negotiations with the other co-owners concerning the project's cancellation.

"During the past four months," McCarthy continued, "NSP-Wisconsin, in accordance with the Wisconsin commission's order, has been studying the possibility of a coal-fired unit to meet future electric needs if the Tyrone project is not pursued. An advance plan on future generating plants recently filed by the company includes this proposal." (NSP-Wisconsin is a wholly owned subsidiary of NSP-Minnesota.)

The Tyrone project's co-owners are expected to meet in late July. A decision is expected at that time, McCarthy said.

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