

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-263NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL
OPERATING LICENSEANDNEGATIVE DECLARATION

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 43 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to Northern States Power Company, which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (the facility) located in Wright County, Minnesota. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment is associated with the seventh refueling and the extended exposure fuel program for the facility. Modifications are made to the operating limit minimum critical power ratio's and the average planar linear heat generation rate limitations on the fuel.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has prepared an environmental impact appraisal for this action and has concluded that an environmental impact statement for this

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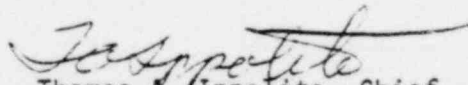
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particular action is not warranted because there will be no significant environmental impact attributable to the action other than that which has already been predicted and described in the Commission's Final Environmental Statement for the facility.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated September 17, 1979, as supplemented November 1, November 30 and December 31, 1979. (2) Amendment No. 43 to License No. DPR-22, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation and (4) the Commission's related Environmental Impact Appraisal. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Environmental Conservation Library, Minneapolis Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota. A copy of items (2), (3) and (4) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 12th day of February 1980.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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