

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-263NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE

The U..S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 5 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to Northern States Power Company, which revised the 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 eighth refueling for Cycle 9 operation. Modifications are made to: (1) incorporate the requirements of ODYN (Option B) and new MAPLHGR and MCPR limits associated with recent analyses, (2) change the RPS delay time and (3) make minor clarifying changes in the bases having no safety significance.

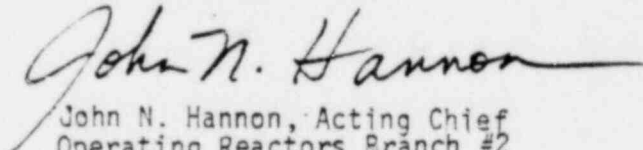
The application for amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter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

The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated February 6, 1981, as supplemented March 19, 1981, (2) Amendment No. 5 to License No. DPR-22, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. 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) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 4th day of May 1981.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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