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In the Matter of)
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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY)
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(Prairie Island Independent Spent)
Fuel Storage Installation))

Docket Nos. 72-10
50-282/306

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY'S (1) ANSWER TO
NOTICE OF INTERVENTION AND MOTION TO INTERVENE
OF THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD AND (2)
MOTION FOR FURTHER SCHEDULING

On August 31, 1990, Northern States Power Company (NSP) in accordance with 10 C.F.R. Part 72 filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) an application to construct and operate an independent spent fuel storage installation at NSP's Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant site. The NRC published notice of its consideration of the application on October 19, 1990. 55 Fed. Reg. 42527 (1990). The notice provided that any person whose interest may be affected by the proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.714.

On November 16, 1990, the Minnesota Department of Public Service and the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (the Minnesota Agencies) submitted a notice of intervention and motion to intervene.

NSP does not object to the showing by the Minnesota Agencies as to their interest in the proceeding, how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, and the specific aspects of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which the Minnesota Agencies wish to intervene.

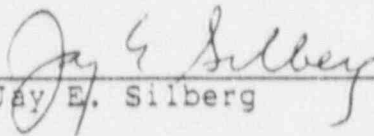
The Minnesota Agencies' filing stated that the Environmental Quality Board was preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed spent fuel storage facility, that public meetings on the draft EIS were scheduled for December 1990, and that the period for submitting written comments was expected to close in January 1991. The Minnesota Agencies requested that further actions in this hearing be scheduled so that the deadline for submitting contentions would occur after completion of the EIS process described above.

Based upon the Minnesota Agencies' request and the schedule for the EIS process (NSP understands that the written comment period will close on January 15, 1991), NSP would respectfully request that the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board appointed to preside over this proceeding schedule the submission of contentions on or about February 1 and the prehearing or special

prehearing conference on or about February 16. Counsel for the Minnesota Agencies and the NRC Staff have authorized the undersigned to state that the Minnesota Agencies and the NRC Staff agree with this proposed schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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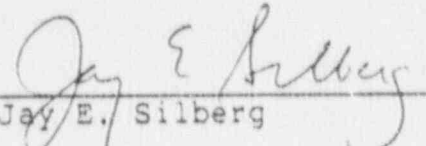
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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

The undersigned, being an attorney in good standing admitted to practice before the courts set forth below, hereby enters his appearance as attorney-at-law on behalf of Northern States Power Company in the above-captioned proceeding, and sets forth the following information as required by 10 C.F.R. § 2.713(b):

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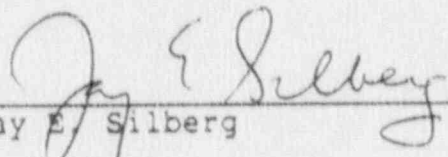
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Northern States Power Company's (1) Answer to Notice of Intervention and Motion to Intervene of the Minnesota Department of Public Service and the Environmental Quality Board and (2) Motion for Further Scheduling, and Notice of Appearance were mailed, postage prepaid, this 3rd day of December, 1990 to those listed on the attached Service List.



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