



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Docket No. 50-263

Mr. Roger O. Anderson, Director
Licensing and Management Issues
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

By your letter dated February 23, 1994, and affidavit dated March 1, 1994, you requested that certain information provided to the NRC at a meeting held on February 2, 1994, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. This information consists of five viewgraphs containing Northern States Power Company (NSP) original design information.

You stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

1. The information discloses a process, method or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by NSP's competitors without license from NSP constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
2. The information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.
3. The information reveals aspects of past, present, or future NSP funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to NSP.
4. The information discloses patentable subject matter for which it may be desirable to obtain patent protection.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of NSP's statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, the five NSP viewgraphs marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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