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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Before Administrative Judges:

Robert M. Lazo, Chairman
George C. Anderson
Peter S. Lam

In the Matter of:

NORTHERN STATES POWER
COMPANY

Docket Nos. 72-10
50-282-RS
50-306-RS

(Prairie Island Nuclear
Generating Plant,
Units 1 and 2)

ALSBP No. 91-627-01-RS
(Independent Spent Fuel
Storage Installation)

February 13, 1990

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE CONTENTIONS

On November 16, 1990, the Minnesota Department of Public Service and the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (Minnesota Agencies) filed a Petition to Intervene and request for hearing in the above-captioned proceeding. A Notice of Prehearing Conference was issued by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB, Board) on December 17, 1990. The Notice required contentions to be filed pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.714(b) on or before February 15, 1991.

The Minnesota Agencies have reviewed the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Facility (ISFSI) license application of Northern States Power Company (NSP). The Minnesota Agencies will be receiving additional information on the filing from NSP, but will not have sufficient time to review and analyze that information prior to the date on which the contentions are due. Initial discussions between the Minnesota Agencies and NSP indicate that a settlement may be possible, thus eliminating the need to file contentions. The

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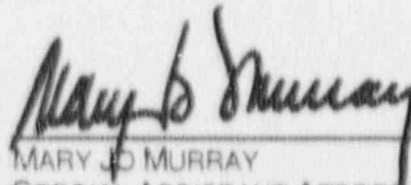
additional two weeks are necessary to pursue these discussions. The Minnesota Agencies respectfully request that the deadline for filing contentions be extended for two weeks, until March 1, 1991, in order to receive and review the requested information. Such an extension would necessitate that the schedule for this proceeding be extended by two weeks in its entirety.

NSP and counsel for the NRC Staff have authorized the Minnesota Agencies to represent to the Board that no objections will be raised to the requested two-week extension.

WHEREFORE, the Minnesota Agencies respectfully request that the deadline for contentions be extended until March 1, 1991, and that the hearing schedule be extended accordingly.

Dated: February 13, 1991

Respectfully submitted,



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