

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

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 33 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to Northern States Power Company (the licensee), 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 revised the existing Monticello Technical Specifications to incorporate fire protection specifications consistent with the Commission's requirements. These specifications are as suggested by the Commission with three exceptions taken by the licensee which the Commission's Staff has temporarily accepted pending its review and final resolution. The three exceptions relate to the reduction from five to three in the minimum number of on-site fire brigade members, valve position verification, and responsibility for training of fire protection personnel.

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

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license amendment. Prior public notice of this 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 issuance of this amendment.

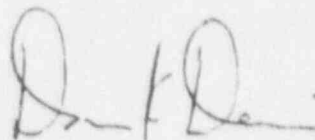
For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated January 31, 1977 and supplement thereto dated December 16, 1977, (2) the Commission's letters dated September 30, 1976 and November 25, 1977, (3) Amendment No. 33 to License No. DPR-22, and (4) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation issued as an enclosure to the Commission's November 25, 1977 letter. 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 55401. A single copy of items (2), (3) and (4) above may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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Washington, D. C., Attention: Director, Division of Operating
Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 25th day of January, 1978.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. K. Davis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Don K. Davis, Acting Chief
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