

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-263

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of a proposed amendment to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to the Northern States Power Company (the licensee), for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (the facility). The facility is a boiling water reactor located in Wright County, Minnesota, and currently authorized for operation at power levels up to 1670 MWt.

In accordance with the licensee's request dated September 30, 1977, the amendment would result from a reevaluation of Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) cooling performance submitted on September 15, 1977 in accordance with the Commission's Order for Modification of License dated March 11, 1977. This reevaluation not only corrected the errors noted in the March 11, 1977 Order but also included the effect of certain other recently approved model changes in the ECCS evaluation models. If and when authorized, the amendment would permit a change, generally an increase, in authorized Maximum Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rates for future operation and is the aspect of the amendment covered by this notice.

The Commission will act upon the amendment upon: (1) the completion of a Safety Evaluation by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation; and (2) completion of the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations.

By DEC 12 1977 the licensee may file a request for a hearing and any person whose interest may be affected by + ' s proceeding may file a request for a hearing in the form of a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license. Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed under oath or affirmation in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.714 of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations. A petition for leave to intervene must set forth the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, and the petitioner's contentions with respect to the proposed action. Such petitions must be filed in accordance with the provisions of this FEDERAL REGISTER Notice and Section 2.714, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C., 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, by the above date. A copy of the petition and/or request for a hearing should be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to Gerald Charnoff, Esquire of Shaw, Pittman, Potts, and Trowbridge, 1800 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., 20036, the attorney for the licensee.

A petition for leave to intervene must be accompanied by a supporting affidavit which identifies the specific aspect or aspects of the proceeding as to which intervention is desired and specifies with particularity the facts on which the petitioner relies as to

both his interest and his contentions with regard to each aspect on which intervention is requested. Petitions stating contentions related only to matters outside the Commission's jurisdiction will be denied.

All petitions will be acted upon by the Commission or licensing board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Timely petitions will be considered to determine whether a hearing should be noticed or another appropriate order issued regarding the disposition of the petitions.

In the event that a hearing is held and a person is permitted to intervene, he becomes a party to the proceeding and has the right to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing. For example, he may present evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's letter dated September 15, 1977, and related license amendment request dated September 30, 1977, which 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.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 1st day of November, 1977.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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