

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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Docket No: 50-263

Northern States Power Company ATTN: Mr. Arthur V. Dienhart Vice President of Engineering 414 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

Gentlemen:

A copy of our Draft Environmental Statement on environmental considerations related to operation of your Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (Unit No. 1) is enclosed for your information and use. Also enclosed is a copy of a notice of availability of the statement that is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Comments received on the statement will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely,

Donald Jr Skovholt Assistant Director for

Operating Reactors Directorate of Licensing

Enclosures:

 Draft Environmental Statement dated May 1972

2. Federal Register Notice

cc w/enclosures: Gerald Charnoff Shaw, Pittman, Potts, Trowbridge & Madden 910 - 17th Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20006

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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF APPLICANT'S ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AND

AEC'S DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

FOR THE MONTICULEO NUCLEAR GUNERATING PLANT

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Atomic Energy Commission's regulations in Appendix D to 10 CFR Part 50, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Report dated November 3, 1971 and Supplement 1 thereto dated April 4, 1972, for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit No. 1 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the report") submitted by the Northern States Power Company, are svailable for public inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and in the Environmental Resource Center, Minneapolis Public Library, 1222 S. E. 4th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414. The report also is being made available to the public at the office of the Minnesota State Planning Agency, Suite 603, 550 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

The report discusses environmental considerations related to operation of Unit No. 1 of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant located in Wright and Sherburne Counties, Minnesota.

The report has been analyzed by the Commission's Directorate of Licensing and a Draft Environmental Statement dated May 1972 on the environmental considerations related to the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit No. 1, has been prepared and has been made available for public inspection at the locations designated above. Copies of the Commission's Draft Environmental Statement may be obtained upon request addressed to the United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, Attention: Deputy Director for Reactor Projects, Directorate of Licensing. This statement supersedes the Statement of Environmental Considerations dated April 24, 1970, that was published in the Federal Register on May 5, 1970 (35 F.R. 7090).

Pursuant to Appendix D of 10 CFR Part 50, interested persons may, within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u>, submit comments for the Commission's consideration on the report and the Draft Environmental Statement.

Federal and state agencies are being provided with copies of the report and the Draft Environmental Statement (local agencies may obtain these documents on request), and when comments thereon of the Federal, State and local officials are received, they will be made available for public inspection at the above-designated locations. Comments

from interested members of the public on the Draft Environmental Statement should be addressed to the United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, Attention: Deputy Director for Reactor Projects, Directorate of Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 26th day f May, 1972.

FOR THE ATOM? " ENERGY COMMISSION

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