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Dear Sir:

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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Docket No. 50-263

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE

Publication of the above document at the earliest possible date would
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Sincerely,

Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

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PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 18 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to the Northern States Power Company (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (the facility) located in Wright County, Minnesota.

This amendment added a new automatic isolation valve and modified the usage of existing automatic isolation valves. These valves will be utilized as part of the nitrogen recirculation system.

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 license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

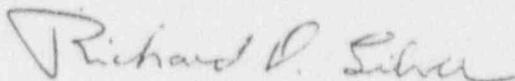
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The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental statement, negative declaration or environmental impact appraisal need 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 March 11, 1976, (2) Amendment No. 18 to License No. DPR-22, and (3) the Commission's concurrently issued Safety Evaluation. 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 copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 14th day of April, 1976.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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