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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for publication in the Federal Register are an original and two certified copies of a document entitled:

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 be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Samuel J. Chilk Secretary of the Commission

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-263

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Notice is hereby given that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 15 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to 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. The amendment is effective 30 days after its date of issuance.

The amendment revises the inputting requirements of the Technical Specifications for the facility.

The application for the amendment dated December 16, 1974, 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 is 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 statement, negative declaration or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

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For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated December 16, 1974, (2) Amendment No. 15 to License No. DPR-22, and (3) the Commission's concurrently issued related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Streat, 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) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 22nd day of January, 1976.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY CONTHISSION

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