UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

In the Matter of NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

Docket No. 50-263

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APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO MIKE DONAHUE'S PETITION OF MARCH 27, 1970, TO PARTICIPATE IN AEC HEARING

- 1. The Notice of Hearing in the captioned proceeding, and the AEC's Rules of Practice (10 CFR Part 2), provide two methods for participation by members of the public in the public hearing to be held in this proceeding on April 28, 1970. A member of the public, pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR § 2.715, may make a limited appearance and thereby present an oral or written statement setting forth his views, and the questions he would like answered, with respect to the issues to be considered at the hearing. A member of the public may also participate in the hearing as a party to the proceeding if he files a suitable petition for leave to intervene which meets the requirements of 10 CFR § 2.714.
- 2. By letter dated March 27, 1970, and docketed by the AEC Office of the Secretary, Public Proceedings Branch on April 1, 1970, Mike Donahue stated that he "would like to seek the opportunity to petition to intervene in the AEC hearing." The letter of March 27, 1970, does not meet the requirements of 10 CFR § 2.714. It does not state any specific contentions

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of the proposed license.

3. The letter of March 27, 1970, states that the writer would like to ask some constructive and helpful questions. It appears that the letter of March 27, 1970, is in the nature of a request to make a limited appearance. The Applicant has no objection to an appearance by Mr. Donahue pursuant to 10 CFR § 2.715. Indeed, the Applicant will be pleased, during the course of the hearing, to respond to the questions asked by Mr. Donahue in his limited appearance to the extent that such responses do not enlarge the issues before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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