UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-263

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 10 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22 issued to the Northern States Power Company (the licensee) for operation of the Nonticello Nuclear Generating Plant (the facility) located in Wright County, Minnesota. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment increases the amount of uranium 235 (from 2300 kilograms to 3200 kilograms) that the licensee may receive, possess and use in connection with operation of the facility in accordance with the licensee's application dated May 30, 1975. This amendment is required so that the licensee can receive new fuel assemblies for refueling of the reactor.

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 regulation: 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.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated May 30, 1975, (2) Amendment No. 10

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,
300 Nicollet Mall, M. nneapolis, Minnesota 55414. A 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 Reactor Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 8th day of July 1975.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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