UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY ) Docket No. 50-263  
(Monticello Nuclear Generating ) (OL Amendment)  
Plant, Unit 1) )

NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDMENT  
OF FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, (the Act) and the regulations in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50, "Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities", Part 51, "Licensing and Regulatory Policy and Procedures for Environmental Protection", and Part 2, "Rules of Practice", notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held before an Atomic and Safety Licensing Board (Board) to consider the application of Northern States Power Company (the licensee) for an amendment to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22 which currently authorizes Northern States Power Company to possess, use and operate the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (the facility) located in Wright County, Minnesota at power levels up to 1670 megawatts (thermal). The proposed amendment would allow operation of the facility utilizing a Prompt Relief

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Trip (PRT) system which provides for a predetermined number of safety/relief valves to be actuated promptly following a turbine or generator trip to minimize peak pressure and fuel thermal effects which could result from pressurization type abnormal operational transients, in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated January 23, 1974, as supplemented.

The hearing which will be scheduled to begin in the vicinity of the site of the Monticello facility, will be conducted by an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board which has been designated by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. The Board consists of Dr. Walter H. Jordan and Dr. Richard F. Cole, Members, and Robert M. Lazo, Esq., Chairman.

A notice of "Proposed Issuance of Amendment to Provisional Operating License" [No. DFB-22], was published by the Atomic Energy Commission<sup>1/</sup> in the Federal Register on

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<sup>1/</sup> The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is the successor organization to the Atomic Energy Commission as provided by legislation enacted by the Congress in Public Law 93-438 on October 11, 1974.

July 22, 1974 (39 F.R. 26661). The notice provided that "[o]n or before August 22, 1974, ..... any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a petition for leave to intervene ..... in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice in 10 CFR Part 2". A petition for leave to intervene was filed thereafter by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), an agency of State of Minnesota. Petitioner, MPCA was admitted as a party to the proceeding pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR §2.714.<sup>2/</sup>

A prehearing conference or conferences will be held by the Board, at a date and place to be set by it, to consider pertinent matters in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice." The date and place of the hearing will be set by the Board at or after the prehearing conference. Notices as to the dates and places of the prehearing conference and the hearing will be published in the Federal Register. The specific issues to be considered at the hearing will be determined by the Board.

<sup>2/</sup> Memorandum and Order of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene, dated March 11, 1975.

For further details pertinent to the matters under consideration, see (1) the application for amendment dated January 23, 1974, and supplements thereto dated March 1, 8 and 19, 1974, and May 13, 1974, and (2) the Commission's Safety Evaluation issued March 14, 1974, on "Plant Modifications - Prompt Relief Trip (PRT) and Additional Safety/Relief Valve Blowdown Capacity", which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Environmental Library of Minnesota at 1222 SE 4th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414.

As they become available, the Commission's Safety Evaluation for use of the PRT and the license amendment may be inspected at the above locations. A copy of item (2) above and, when available, the Safety Evaluation and the license amendment may be obtained by request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Any person who wishes to make an oral or written statement in this proceeding but who has not filed a petition for leave to intervene as noted above, may request permission to make a limited appearance pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR § 2.713 of the Commission's "Rules of Practice." Limited appearances will be permitted at the time of the hearing in the discretion of the Board, within such limits and on such conditions as may be determined by the Board. Persons desiring to make a limited appearance are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, not later than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. A person permitted to make a limited appearance does not become a party, but may state his position and raise questions which he would like to have answered to the extent that the questions are within the scope of the hearing as specified above. A member of the public does not have the right to participate unless he has been granted the right to intervene as a party or the right of limited appearance.

An answer to this notice, pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR §2.705 of the Commission's "Rules of Practice", must be filed by the parties to this proceeding (other than the

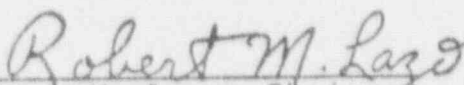
Regulatory Staff) not later than twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Papers required to be filed in this proceeding may be filed by mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, ATTENTION: Docketing and Service Section, or may be filed by delivery to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Pending further order of the Hearing Board designated for this proceeding, parties are required to file, pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR §2.708 of the Commission's "Rules of Practice", an original and twenty (20) conformed copies of each such paper with the Commission.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY  
AND LICENSING BOARD  
DESIGNATED TO RULE ON  
PETITIONS FOR LEAVE TO  
INTERVENE.

  
Robert M. Lazo, Chairman

Issued at Bethesda, Maryland  
this 11th day of March, 1975.

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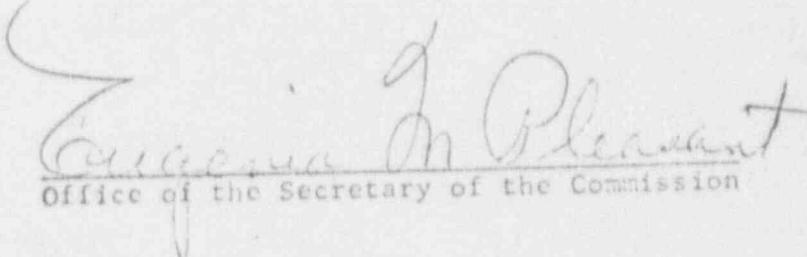
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this

12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1975.

  
Office of the Secretary of the Commission

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