

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY  
DOCKET NOS. 50-263, 50-282, AND 50-306  
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR  
AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has permitted Northern States Power Company (NSP, the licensee) to withdraw its December 6, 1995, application for amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-22, DPR-42, and DPR-60 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. The Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant is located in Wright County, Minnesota; the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant is located in Goodhue County, Minnesota.

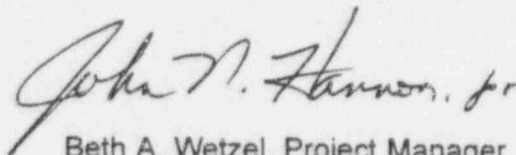
The proposed amendments would have modified the operating licenses to reflect a transfer of control of the licenses resulting from the proposed merger of NSP with Wisconsin Energy Corporation. By letter dated June 10, 1997, NSP informed the Commission that on May 16, 1997, NSP and Wisconsin Energy Corporation announced an agreement to terminate plans to merge the two companies and that it was withdrawing the application for amendments.

The Commission had previously issued an Order Approving Transfer of Control of Licenses and Notice of Consideration of Proposed Issuance of Associated Amendments published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on April 11, 1997 (62 FR 17882). The order becomes null and void on September 30, 1997, by its own terms.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated December 6, 1995, the application for transfer of control of licenses dated October 20, 1995, and the licensee's letter dated June 10, 1997. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of July 1997.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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