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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306
Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
Docket No. 50-263
Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-22

Response to NRC Request for Additional Information Regarding the 2023 Monticello and Prairie Island Plant Decommissioning Funding Status Reports

- References:
- 1) NRC email to NSPM, "Request for Additional Information for Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant - Decommissioning Funding Status Reports," dated September 5, 2023.
 - 2) NSPM letter to NRC, "Decommissioning Funding Status Reports," dated March 29, 2023 (ADAMS Accession No. ML23089A076)

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, doing business as Xcel Energy (hereafter "NSPM"), hereby submits the response to a request for additional information (Reference 1) regarding the most recently submitted status of its decommissioning funding for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit 1, and for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants, Units 1 and 2 (Reference 2). The enclosure to this letter provides NSPM's response to Reference 1.

Please contact Ron Jacobson at 612-330-6542 or ronald.g.jacobson@xcelenergy.com if there are any questions or if additional information is needed.

Summary of Commitments

This letter makes no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.

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Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

**RESPONSE TO
NRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RAI)
REGARDING THE 2023 MONTICELLO AND PRAIRIE ISLAND PLANT
DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING STATUS REPORTS**

1.0 BACKGROUND

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, doing business as Xcel Energy (hereafter "NSPM"), hereby submits the response to a request for additional information (Reference 1) regarding the most recently submitted status of its decommissioning funding for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit 1, and for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plants, Units 1 and 2 (Reference 2). This enclosure provides NSPM's response to Reference 1.

2.0 RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Within Reference 2, NSPM indicated in Enclosure 4, *Xcel Energy Breakdown of Annual Contributions and Trust Fund Balance*, "Please note that since our last biennial funding status report, Xcel Energy has rebalanced the amount of funds allocated between the three cost components of decommissioning". The three cost components are radiological decommissioning, spent fuel management, and site restoration.

RAI 1

Confirm whether the rebalancing was the result of a withdrawal or disbursement from the radiological decommissioning trust fund (DTF). If withdrawals or disbursements were made from the DTF, provide the dates and amounts and indicate where these proceeds were disbursed.

RAI 1 RESPONSE

No withdrawals or disbursements were made from the DTF for Prairie Island Units 1 and 2, or for Monticello Unit 1.

RAI 2

If radiological decommissioning funds were reallocated as a result of rebalancing, resulting in withdrawal or disbursement from the DTF, to address spent fuel management or site restoration, provide the reason for the reallocation. In your response, provide the regulatory basis for reallocating funds (withdrawal or disbursement) from the DTFs, including an explanation of why this practice is consistent with NRC regulations and guidance. Indicate whether NSPM intends to request a regulatory exemption to use its DTFs for spent fuel management or site restoration.

ENCLOSURE

RAI 2 RESPONSE

No withdrawals or disbursements were made from the DTF for Prairie Island Units 1 and 2, or for Monticello Unit 1.

RAI 3

Were funds allocated to radiological decommissioning reallocated (withdrawn or disbursed) for any other purpose? If so, explain why the funds were repurposed.

RAI 3 RESPONSE

No withdrawals or disbursements were made from the DTF for Prairie Island Units 1 and 2, or for Monticello Unit 1.

RAI 4

Assuming funds allocated to radiological decommissioning were repurposed (for any reason), provide the following information: (1) the percentage and dollar of the DTF allocated to radiological decommissioning before the rebalancing; (2) the percentage and dollar amount of the DTF allocated to radiological decommissioning after the rebalancing; and (3) the percentage and dollar amount of decommissioning funding that was repurposed.

RAI 4 RESPONSE

No withdrawals or disbursements were made from the DTF for Prairie Island Units 1 and 2, or for Monticello Unit 1.

3.0 REFERENCES

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