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MEMORANDUM TO:

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FROM:

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on 10/09/24

SUBJECT:

MEETING SUMMARY: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT MONTICELLO PUBLIC MEETINGS
(EPID NO.: L-2023-SLE-0000) (DOCKET NUMBER: 50-263)

On May 8, and 15, 2024, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff conducted two meetings to gather comments on the draft environmental impact statement for the subsequent license renewal for Monticello Generating Plant, Unit 1. Enclosed is the meeting summary for both meetings.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me via email at Jessica.Umana@nrc.gov.

Docket No. 50-263

Enclosure:
Meeting Summary

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Summary of Public Meetings

Title: Monticello Draft Environmental Impact Statement Monticello Public Meetings

Meeting Identifiers: 20240505 and 20240506

Date of Meetings: May 8, and May 15, 2024

Locations: May 8th, webinar and May 15th, in-person at Monticello Community Center, South Mississippi Room, 505 Walnut Street, Monticello, MN

Type of Meeting: Comment-Gathering Meetings

Purpose of the Meetings:

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the results of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's environmental review of the subsequent license renewal environmental report for Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (Monticello), Unit 1, as documented in its draft site-specific environmental impact statement (EIS) and provide an opportunity for public comments on the NRC staff findings.

General Details:

The NRC held two public meetings to gather comments on the draft environmental impact statement for the subsequent license renewal for Monticello, Unit 1. The May 8th meeting was at 1 p.m. Central Time (CT) via Microsoft Teams. The May 15th meeting was at 6 p.m. CT at the Monticello Community Center. Both meetings followed the same agenda, beginning with a review of meeting ground rules and an introduction of the NRC staff, followed by a presentation by the NRC staff on the preliminary findings of the draft EIS. After the presentation there was an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the draft EIS.

Twenty-one people attended the meeting on May 8th. Twenty-four people attended the meeting on May 15. Participants included the NRC staff, members of the public, and local representatives.

Summary of Presentation:

The NRC staff presented an overview of the preliminary findings for the Monticello draft EIS. Northern States Power Company - Minnesota submitted its subsequent license renewal application for Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit 1, on January 19, 2023 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) ML23009A354) Monticello, Unit 1, first issued a facility operating licenses, on January 1, 1981, and granted an initial renewed licenses on November 8, 2006. The current renewed license expires on September 8, 2030. If a license renewal is granted, it will be for an additional 20 years.

Enclosure

Jessica Umaña, the environmental review project manager, provided an overview of the NRC's preliminary findings in the draft EIS and solicited comments from the public following the presentation. The presentation started with a brief discussion on the background of Monticello's licensing history. Then an overview of the environmental review was provided explaining the difference between a generic EIS and a site-specific impact statement. The definition of impacts to resource areas was provided and then the resource areas in the review were characterized as part of the summary for the preliminary findings. The presentation noted that the NRC does not make decisions in terms of whether a plant should continue to operate or what the ratio of types of power production should be in the United States. The primary finding in the draft EIS is that the adverse environmental impacts of subsequent license renewal for Monticello for an additional 20 years beyond the current expiration dates are not so great that it's not unreasonable to preserve the option of subsequent license renewal for energy-planning decisionmakers. Staff closed the presentation with the presentation the upcoming milestones for the review and the methods for submitting their comments on the draft EIS.

The staff received many comments from the public requesting an extension on the comment close out date. Comments relating to climate change, tritiated water, and opposition to the licensing action were also received.

Staff reminded the public that the closing date for submitting comments was June 10, 2024, and in addition to providing comments at the two public meetings, comments can be:

- (1) Mailed to Office of Administration Mailstop TWFN7A60M,
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001;
- (2) Submitted online using the Federal Rulemaking website at regulations.gov (Docket ID: NRC-2023-0031); or
- (3) Submitted electronically by email to MonticelloEnvironmental.Resource@nrc.gov.

Public Participation Themes:

May 8, 2024, Meeting

The virtual meeting was held on May 8, 2024, was attended by 21 external individuals. External attendees at the public meetings included 10 personnel Xcel Energy, one member of Enercon and 10 members of the public. There were approximately 8 commenters during the virtual public meeting, comments included several topics: waste management, radiation standards, climate change, public water contamination and effects on public health, aging management, and tritium contamination to the river.

May 15, 2024, Meeting

The in-person meeting held on May 15, 2024, was attended by 24 external individuals. External attendees at the public meetings included 9 Xcel Energy personnel, one member of the Mille Lac Band of Ojibwe, one local official, one member of WCCO CBS Minnesota and 12 members of the public. There were approximately 6 commenters during the in-person public meeting, comments included several topics: waste management and legacy, radiation standards, climate change, public water contamination and effects on public health, public health and safety, aging management, tritium contamination, miscommunication, and trust of NRC and Xcel.

A complete accounting of the comments provided during both meetings can be found in the meeting transcripts which are available in the NRC's ADAMS public electronic reading room under the accession numbers listed below, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Action Items/Next Steps:

The NRC staff will review the comments received during the public commenting period as part of finalization of the Monticello EIS.

Attachments:

May 8, 2024, Meeting

- List of Attendees
- Meeting Description and Agenda – [ML24128A128](#)
- NRC Staff Presentation – [ML24127A198](#)
- Meeting Transcript – [ML24150A294](#)

May 15, 2024, Meeting

- List of Attendees
- Meeting Description and Agenda – [ML24136A047](#)
- NRC Staff Presentation – [ML24135A254](#)
- Meeting Transcript – [ML24150A326](#)

List of Attendees

May 8, 2024

Virtual Monticello Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Meeting

Name	Affiliation
Angela Sabet	Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
Scott Burnell	NRC
Lance Rakovan	NRC
Jessica Umana	NRC
John Moses	NRC
Steve Koenick	NRC
Gerry Stirewalt	NRC
Antoinette Walker-Smith	NRC
Sherwin Turk	NRC
Leah Parks	NRC
Viktoria Mitlyng	NRC
Brian Glowacki	NRC
Jason Reed	NRC
Michael Gartman	NRC
Matthew Learn	NRC
Marieliz Johnson	NRC
Brent Ballard	NRC
Karen Loomis	NRC
Caroline Hsu	NRC
Nancy Martinez	NRC
Beth Alferink	NRC
Carolyn Wolf	NRC
Ashley Waldron	NRC
Beau Goldstein	NRC
Allan Barker	NRC
Kim Conway	NRC
Jean Trefethen	NRC
Brett Klukan	NRC
Prema Chandrathil	NRC
Ted Smith	NRC
Christina England	NRC
Kevin Bernstein	NRC
Kevin Folk	NRC
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David Roth OGC	NRC
Jeffrey Larson	NRC
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Stephen Sollom	Xcel Energy
Theo Keith	Xcel Energy
Marc Anderson	Xcel Energy
Matthew Sears	Xcel Energy
William Simmerson	Xcel Energy
Sara Scott	Xcel Energy
Benjamin Alkhas	Xcel Energy
Sean Dornseif	Xcel Energy
Rachel Turney	Enercon
Jason Tribe	Xcel Energy
Kenneth L. Fossum	Public
Cari Spencer	Public
Richard Rogalski	Northwest
Philip H.	Public
John LaForge	Public
Kelly Lundeen	Public
Unnamed	Public
PAUL GUNTER	Public
Unnamed	Public

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May 15, 2024

In-Person Monticello Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Meeting

Name	Affiliation
Sara Scott	Xcel Energy
Jesse Tygum	Xcel Energy
Scott Johnson	Xcel Energy
Amanda Jepson	Xcel Energy
Greg Brown	Xcel Energy
Charles Lipperf	Mille Lac Band of Ojibwe
Zach Orum	Xcel Energy
Jo Schubert	Public
Raymond Campos	WCCO
Marc Anderson	Xcel Energy
Steve Sollom	Xcel Energy
Mae Smith	Xcel Energy
John Forge	Public
Susu Jeffery	Public
Lea Foushee	Public
George Crocker	Public
Roger Cuthbertson	Public
Kelly Lundeen	Public
Mary Jepson	Public
Kaden Herbek	Public
Lindsay Potter	Public
David Euce	Public
Rick Kothenbatel	Public
Rachel Leonard	City of Monticello
Steve Koenick	NRC
Jessica Umana	NRC
Brett Klukan	NRC
Scott Burnell	NRC
Angela Sabet	NRC