

November 23, 1999

Mr. Roger O. Anderson, Director  
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Northern States Power Company  
414 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES, PROPOSED NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING - PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MA7172 AND MA7173)**

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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The proposed amendments would change Technical Specification Section 3.1.A.1.b to allow continued operation in Mode 3 with no reactor coolant pumps in operation for a period not to exceed 72 hours, provided that specified actions have been accomplished. The proposed amendments would also increase the time period in which both reactor coolant pumps are permitted to be turned off from 1 hour to 12 hours to allow sufficient time to conduct either preplanned maintenance or electrical lineup switching that would require both reactor coolant pumps to be turned off while in Mode 3.

The notice has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Tae Kim, Senior Project Manager, Section 1  
Project Directorate III  
Division of Licensing Project Management  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306

Enclosure: Notice

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