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**PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT**

Docket Nos. 50-282 License Nos. DPR-42  
50-306 DPR-60  
72-10 SNM-2506

**MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT**

Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22

**PART 30 BYPRODUCT MATERIAL LICENSES**

License Nos. 22-08799-02  
22-08799-04  
22-08799-08  
22-08799-09

**Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Agreement**

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Attached to this letter is an acknowledgement of the relationship of the new company (Xcel Energy<sup>SM</sup>) formed from the merger of Northern States Power Company and New Century Energies, Inc. related to the new company's Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Agreement.

In this letter we have made no new Nuclear Regulatory Commission commitments.

Please contact Jack Leveille (651-388-1121, Ext. 4142) if you have any questions related to this letter.

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Attachment: Representations and Acknowledgement

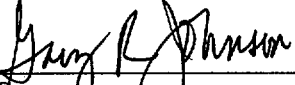
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## Representations and Acknowledgement

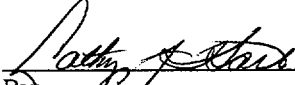
The Undersigned, Xcel Energy Inc. and Northern States Power Company hereby agree, represent and warrant the following:

1. Mellon Bank, N.A. as Trustee and Northern States Power Company entered into an Amended and Restated Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Agreement (Qualified Fund) dated as of November 26, 1996 for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for the decommissioning of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Station, the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1 and the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Station Unit 2, (the "Units"), to pay the administrative costs and other incidental expenses of the Qualified Funds and to make certain investments; a Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Agreement (Nonqualified Fund) dated July 20, 1990, for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for the decommissioning of the Units for the benefit of the public health and safety; a Nuclear Decommissioning Standby Trust Agreement dated January 28, 1992 for the purpose of providing a Standby Fund for the receipt of payments made under letters of credit; and a Nuclear Decommissioning Standby Trust Agreement dated August 12, 1993 for the purpose of providing a Standby Fund for the receipt of payments made under letters of credit (the "Trust Agreements").
2. On August 18, 2000, New Century Energies, Inc. merged into Northern States Power Company, with Northern States Power Company as the surviving entity.
3. Immediately following the merger, Northern States Power Company was renamed Xcel Energy Inc.
4. Xcel Energy Inc. created a subsidiary, Northern States Power Company, and assigned all of its rights, duties and obligations under the Trust Agreements to Northern States Power Company and Northern States Power Company, as assignee, has agreed to accept all of such rights, duties and obligations under the Trust Agreement.

Xcel Energy Inc.

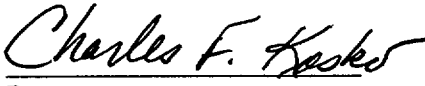
  
By: Gary R. Johnson  
Its: General Counsel  
Date: January 31, 2001

Northern States Power Company

  
By: Cathy L. Hart  
Its: Corporate Secretary  
Date: January 31, 2001

Acknowledged:

Mellon Bank, N.A.

  
By: Charles F. Kasko  
Its: TRUST OFFICER  
Date: February 7, 2001