

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY) Docket No. 50-263
)
(Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant))

DETERMINATION NOT TO SUSPEND OPERATION OF THE
MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO DPR-22
PENDING COMPLETION OF NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Northern States Power Company (the licensee) is the holder of Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22 (the license), issued by the Atomic Energy Commission on September 8, 1970. The license authorizes the licensee to operate a boiling water nuclear power reactor designated as the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, at the licensee's site in Wright and Sherburne Counties, Minnesota. The facility is designed for initial operation at approximately 1670 megawatts (thermal).

In accordance with section E.3 of the Commission's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Appendix D of 10 CFR Part 50 (Appendix D), the licensee has furnished to the Commission a written statement of reasons, with supporting factual submission, why the license should not be suspended, in whole or in part, pending completion of the NEPA environmental review. This statement of reasons was furnished to the Commission on October 18, 1971.

The Director of Regulation has considered the licensees' submission in the light of the criteria set out in section E.2 of Appendix D, and has determined, after considering and balancing the criteria in section E.2 of Appendix D,

that operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant authorized pursuant to DPR-22 should not be suspended pending completion of the NEPA environmental review.

Further details of this determination are set forth in a document entitled "Discussion and Findings by the Division of Reactor Licensing, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Relating to Consideration of Suspension Pending NEPA Environmental Review of the Facility Operating License for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Docket No. 50-263".

The determination herein and the discussion and findings herein referred to above do not preclude the Commission, as a result of its ongoing environmental review, from continuing, modifying or terminating the license or from appropriately conditioning the license to protect environmental values.

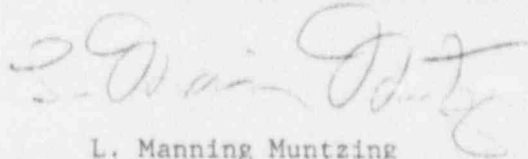
Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding, other than the licensee, may file a request for a hearing within thirty (30) days after publication of this determination in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Such a request shall set forth the matters, with reference to the factors set out in section E.2 of Appendix D, alleged to warrant a determination other than that made by the Director of Regulation and shall set forth the factual basis for the request. If the Commission determines that the matters stated in such request warrant a hearing, a notice of hearing will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

The licensee's statement of reasons, furnished pursuant to section E.3 of Appendix D, as to why the licensee should not be suspended pending completion of the NEPA environmental review, and the document entitled "Discussion and

Findings by the Division of Reactor Licensing, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Relating to Consideration of Suspension Pending NEPA Environmental Review of the Provisional Operating License for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Docket No. 50-263" are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Environmental Resource Center, Minneapolis Public Library, 1222 S. E. 4th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414. Copies of the "Discussion and Findings" document may be obtained upon request addressed to the Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 18th day of November, 1971.

FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION



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