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ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION (NON-RADIATION ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) FOR MONTICELLO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE

In view of the possible applicability of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (the so-called "Jackson bill") to AEC proceedings, I have set out below a proposed additional Technical Specification that could be included in the provisional operating license for Northern States Power Company's Monticello Facility:

"Environmental Effects (Non-Radiation)"

Tech. Spec. _____ - The licensee shall observe such applicable Federal and State standards and requirements for the control of the thermal effects of the release of liquid effluents from the facility to the environment as are validly imposed pursuant to authority established under Federal and State law. The Commission may from time to time require the licensee to observe such other applicable Federal and State standards and requirements validly imposed pursuant to authority established under Federal and State law as it may determine are necessary for the protection of the environment. This Tech. Spec. does not apply to radiation effects since they are dealt with in other provisions of these Tech. Specs."

The reason for initially limiting the application of this Tech. Spec. to thermal effects is that these are the only non-radiation effects of which we are aware that could reasonably be argued to have a possible significant, adverse impact on the environment.

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A suitable adaptation of the above-quoted Tech. Spec. could be used as a condition for construction permits.

I would like to discuss this matter at the Regulatory Information Meeting on Friday, February 20, in connection with the Commission's consideration of the Discussion Paper prepared by the General Counsel on "Application of National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to AEC Regulatory Activities."

(Signed) HLP

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