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Dear NRC Secretary: OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
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This letter comments on your Statement of Restructuring, dated September 23, 1996. Your Statement does not adequately address the public safety hazards which exist and will intensify due to the economic pressures occurring now in the process of utility de-regulation. As a ratepayer and a shareholder to Northern States Power Company, I am concerned that your proposed policies will cause my company's managers to further slacken human and environmental safety in favor of economic interests.

Stop nuclear operating cycles longer than 18 months. Increase the degree of inspections.

I am alarmed the NRC allows the licensee to perform the initial assessments on transportation events such as happened in downtown Minneapolis when the train

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carrying radioactive material from  
the Monticello plant had the rip-  
open accident on the Washington  
Avenue bridge, event number 31637.

I do not feel the NRC is now  
adequately protecting my safety in  
Minnesota from nuclear hazards  
if it relies on the utility company  
to decide whether a public hazard  
exists. Further, the proposed Statement  
will result in a lowering of  
safety controls. That is bad  
public policy.

Lastly, nuclear utilities should be  
required by law to set aside sufficient  
funds for decommissioning costs and waste  
management in upfront external accounts.

Concerned about America's health,  
Diane J. Peterson