

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
PRAIRIE ISLAND NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANTS

DOCKET NO. 50-263
DOCKET NOS. 50-282 and 50-303

Request to Withhold Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, hereby requests that Attachment 2 to the letter entitled "Guarantee of Payment of Deferred Premiums" dated May 1, 1997, be withheld from public disclosure due to its proprietary nature. The details of this request are provided in the following affidavit:

AFFIDAVIT

I, Roger O. Anderson, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

- (1) I am Director, Licensing and Management Issues, Northern States Power Company ("NSP") and have been delegated the function of reviewing the information described in paragraph (2) which is sought to be withheld, and have been authorized to apply for its withholding.
- (2) The information sought to be withheld consists of portions of the 1997 Projected Cash Flow that is included in Attachment 2 to NSP's May 1, 1997 letter to the NRC entitled "Guarantee of Payment of Deferred Premiums". Attachment 2, a one page document, has the words "NSP Proprietary Information" on the bottom of the page.
- (3) In making this application for withholding of proprietary information of which it is the owner, NSP relies upon the exemption from disclosure set forth in the NRC regulation 10 CFR 2.790(b)(1) for confidential financial information.
- (4) Justification for the request for withholding from public disclosure is provided by addressing the five items identified in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4).

To the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a. This information is considered company confidential and has been held in confidence by NSP.
- b. This information is of the type customarily held in confidence by NSP and the rationale basis is that it would provide an unfair advantage to competitors if it were disclosed.
- c. This information is transmitted in confidence to the NRC and the purpose of this request is to maintain its confidentiality.
- d. The 1997 projected cash flow information is not available from public sources.

- e. Public disclosure of the information sought to be withheld is likely to cause harm to NSP's competitive position and reduce the availability of profit-making opportunities.

This letter contains no restricted or other defense information.

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

By *Roger O. Anderson*
Roger O Anderson
Director
Licensing & Management Issues

On this 5th day of may 1997 before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared Roger O Anderson, Director, Licensing and Management Issues, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof, and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.

Cynthia V. Jakobson

