

Reason for closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b.(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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United States Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name and committee code: United States Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel (#1531).

Date and time: October 11-12, 1996, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Place: Room 1235, NSF.

Type of meeting: Open.

Contact person: Guy G. Guthridge, Office of Polar Programs, Room 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1031.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of meeting: Examine a full range of infrastructure, management, and scientific options for the United States Antarctic Program so that the Foundation will be able to maintain the high quality of the research and implement U.S. policy in Antarctica under realistic budget scenarios.

Agenda: The committee will receive presentations from Antarctic experts and will discuss options in the areas of research, research support, contractor tasking, military transition, cost-saving initiatives, health and safety context, environment and waste management, South Pole redevelopment, international aspects, science users' perspectives, and interagency involvement.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-18]

Northern States Power Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of a Materials License for the Storage of Spent Fuel and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering an application dated August 7, 1996, for a materials license, under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, from Northern States Power Company (the applicant or NSP) to possess spent fuel and other radioactive materials associated with spent fuel storage in an off-site independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) located in Goodhue County, Minnesota. If granted, the license will authorize the applicant to store spent fuel in a dry storage cask system at the off-site ISFSI which the applicant proposes to construct and operate in Goodhue County, Minnesota. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, the term of the license for the ISFSI would be twenty (20) years. The NRC has previously granted the applicant a license to store up to forty eight (48) casks on-site at the Prairie Island Power Plant located in Welch, MN. However, a Minnesota law requires that NSP develop an off-site facility.

Prior to issuance of the requested license, the NRC will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the NRC's rules and regulations. The issuance of the materials license will not be approved until the NRC has reviewed the application and has concluded that approval of the license will not be inimical to the common defense and security and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to public health and safety. The NRC, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51.20(b)(9), will complete an environmental impact statement. This action will be the subject of a subsequent notice in the Federal Register. Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.105, by October 17, 1996, the applicant may file a request for a hearing; and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the subject materials license in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.714. If a request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and

Licensing Board Panel will rule on the request and/or petition, and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order. In the event that no request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the NRC may, upon satisfactory completion of all required evaluations, issue the materials license without further prior notice.

A petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order that may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend a petition, without requesting leave of the Board, up to 15 days prior to the holding of the first pre-hearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first pre-hearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the action

under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfied these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the NRC by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to Dr. William D. Travers, Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; plant name; and publication date and page number of this Federal Register notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Mr. Gary Johnson, Esq., Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Northern States Power Company, 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

Non-timely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions, and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding Officer, or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated August 7, 1996, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555, and at the local public document room at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet

Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401. The Commission's license and safety evaluation report, when issued, may be inspected at the above locations.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of September 1996.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William D. Travers,

Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Revised Notice

The 86th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) scheduled for September 26 and 27, 1996, at the Hotel San Remo, 115 East Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, in Chateau 1 and Chateau 2 is being extended to include a session on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, in the Conference Center. All other items pertaining to September 26 and 27, 1996, remain the same as published in the Federal Register on Thursday, September 5, 1996 (61 FR 46832).

The agenda for this session shall be as follows:

Tuesday, September 24, 1996—8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The ACNW will conduct a planning session and will not formulate advice for the Commission during this session. The conduct of Committee activities, procedures and operations, as well as future priorities, will be discussed.

For further information contact: Mr. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch (telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EDT.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

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Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Joint Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittees on Instrumentation and Control Systems and Computers and on Electrical Power Systems; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittees on Instrumentation and Control Systems

and Computers and on Electrical Power Systems is scheduled to hold a joint meeting on October 8, 1996, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows: Tuesday, October 8, 1996—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittees will continue their review of the proposed Standard Review Plan Sections, Regulatory Guides, and Branch Technical Positions related to digital instrumentation and control systems. The Subcommittees will also review the status of NRC programs to address equipment vulnerabilities to lightning and other transients. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittees, their consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittees, along with any of their consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittees will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, its consultants, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Michael T. Markley (telephone 301/415-6885) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any