

(1) Classification of LSC Funds and Property: i.e., unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted in the financial statements. The Guide classifies LSC funds as temporarily restricted net assets that remain restricted until eligible expenses are incurred on permissible activity, unearned LSC funds (i.e., formerly deferred support) as refundable advances until earned, and property purchased with LSC funds as a permanent restricted net asset. We invite comments on the impact of this treatment of LSC funds and property.

(2) Electronic transfer of Grant Activity: LSC is seeking to establish a uniform and effective means by which a recipient can electronically file audits and other financial reports with LSC. The electronic transfer necessarily would require uniform presentation of financial data. We solicit comments on the advisability and feasibility of accomplishing this result.

(3) Cost Allocations: We invite comments on what guidance would be useful regarding cost allocation procedures and bases.

(4) Appropriation of Net Assets/Fund Balances: The Guide proposes treating all unexpended funds at the end of the grant year as "net assets," including amounts which could be deemed to be an excess "fund balance" subject to recovery by LSC under 45 CFR 1628. We also invite comment on the appropriate accounting treatment of reserves for encumbrances and contingencies which should be included in net assets (fund balances).

Where possible, comments should reference applicable paragraph numbers in the proposed revision.

Dated: April 8, 1997.

Merceria L. Ludgood,

Deputy Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Foundation Proposal/Award Information—Grant Proposal Guide; Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. Such a notice was published at **Federal Register**, 4815, dated January 31, 1997. No comments were received.

This material is being submitted for OMB review with no changes. Send any written comments to Desk Officer, OMB, 3145-0058, OIRA, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received by May 1, 1997.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed project. "National Science Foundation Proposal/Award Information—Grant Proposal Guide." The missions of the NSF are to: increase the Nation's base of scientific and engineering knowledge and strengthen its ability to support research in all areas of science and engineering; and promote innovative science and engineering education programs that can better prepare the Nation to meet the challenges of the future. The foundation is also committed to ensuring the Nation's supply of scientists, engineers, and science educators. In its role as leading Federal supporter of science and engineering, NSF also has an important role in national science policy planning.

The information collected is used to help the Foundation fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 30,000 proposals annually for new or renewal support for research, and math/science/engineering education projects, and makes approximately 10,000 new awards. This support is made primarily through grants contracts, and other agreements awarded to approximately 2,800 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based on mainly on evaluations of proposal merit submitted to the Foundation (see OMB Clearance No. 3145-0060).

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its review and award processes to identify and address excessive reporting burdens. The Foundation is also committed to monitor and identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or handicap of the proposed principal investigator(s)/project director(s) or the co-principal

investigator(s)/co-project director(s). The collection of this information is a part of the regular submission of proposals to the Foundation.

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NSF Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-263, 50-282, 50-306, and 72-10]

Northern States Power Company (Monticello and Prairie Island Units 1 and 2 Nuclear Generating Plants and Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation); Order Approving Transfer of Control of Licenses and Notice of Consideration of Proposed Issuance of Associated Amendments, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

I

Northern States Power Company (NSP) is owner and operator of Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, and Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). NSP is governed by Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-22, DPR-42, and DPR-60 issued by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) pursuant to Part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR Part 50). Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant's Units 1 and 2 Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-42, and DPR-60 were issued on August 9, 1973, and October 29, 1974, respectively. NSP was issued Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant on September 8, 1970, and Facility Operating License No. DPR-22 on January 9, 1981. NSP is also governed by Materials License No. SNM-2506 issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) pursuant to 10 CFR Part 72 on October 19, 1993. The Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant is located in Wright County, Minnesota. The Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, and the Prairie Island ISFSI are located in Goodhue County, Minnesota.

II

By letter dated October 20, 1995, NSP informed the Commission that it intends to transfer ownership of the facility operating licenses for Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, the Prairie

Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, and the Prairie Island ISFSI from NSP to a newly formed NSP, which will result from a merger between NSP and WEC Sub Corp., a subsidiary of Wisconsin Electric Corporation (WEC). In connection with the proposed transaction, WEC will be renamed Primergy Corporation (Primergy) and will own two operating utility subsidiaries: (1) The New NSP, which will be a Wisconsin corporation (referred to herein as "New NSP"), and (2) a current WEC subsidiary, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), into which Northern States Power (Wisconsin), a former subsidiary of NSP, will have merged, and which will be called Wisconsin Energy Company. New NSP will continue to operate primarily the same facilities in the same locations as those that NSP currently does.

The transfer of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-22, DPR-42, and DPR-60 is subject to NRC's approval under 10 CFR 50.80. The transfer of Prairie Island ISFSI License No. SNM-2506 is subject to NRC's approval under 10 CFR 72.50. After reviewing the information submitted in the letter of October 20, 1995, and other information before the Commission, the NRC staff has determined that New NSP is qualified to hold the licenses to the extent and for the purposes NSP is now authorized to hold the licenses, and that the transfer, subject to the conditions set forth herein, is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission. These findings are supported by the accompanying safety evaluation dated April 1, 1997.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 USC §§ 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234, and 10 CFR 50.80 and 10 CFR 72.50, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission consents to the proposed transfer of control of the licenses described herein from NSP to New NSP subject to the following: (1) The issuance of approved amendments fully reflecting the transfers approved by this Order at the time such transfers are effected; (2) should the transfers not be completed by September 30, 1997, this Order shall become null and void provided, however, on application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended; and (3) New NSP shall provide the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation a copy of any application, at the time it is filed, to transfer (excluding grants of security interests or liens) from New NSP to its

parent or to any other affiliated company, facilities for the production, transmission, or distribution of electric energy having a depreciated book value exceeding ten percent (10%) of New NSP's consolidated net utility plant, as recorded on New NSP's books of account, consistent with NSP's letter dated August 28, 1996, to the NRC.

This Order is effective upon issuance.

IV

By May 12, 1997, any person adversely affected by this Order may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the Order. Any person requesting a hearing shall set forth with particularity how that interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d), in the same manner as is more fully discussed below regarding requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene in connection with proposed facility license amendments.

If a hearing is held concerning this Order, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of such hearing.

The issue to be considered at any such hearing shall be whether this Order should be sustained.

Any request for a hearing 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, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Copies should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, and to the Directors, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Gary Johnson, Northern States Power Company, 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401, attorney for the licensee.

V

With respect to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-22, DPR-42, and DPR-60, described herein, notice is hereby given that the Commission is considering the issuance of amendments to the licenses to reflect the above transfer approved by the Commission. NSP stated in a letter dated December 6, 1995, that the application does not involve a request for any change in the design, operation, or administrative controls of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, or the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, or any change in the terms and

conditions of the existing licenses or technical specifications. NSP further stated in its submittal dated October 20, 1995, that the financial capability of the owner and operator will be maintained, that New NSP (as owner and operator) will remain qualified to be the holder of the licenses, and that the transfer of the licenses is consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission.

Before issuance of the proposed facility license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the facility amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendments would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or (3) involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), NSP has submitted its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is given below:

The proposed amendment[s] will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

As a result of the proposed license amendment[s], there will be no physical change to the facilities and all Limiting Conditions for Operation, Limiting Safety System Settings and Safety Limits specified in the Technical Specifications will remain unchanged. Also, the facilities' Quality Assurance Program, Emergency Plan, Security Plan, and Operator Training and Requalification Program will be unaffected. Therefore, this amendment will not cause a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed amendment[s] will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed.

The proposed amendment[s] will have no effect on the physical configuration of the facilities or the manner in which they will operate. The design and design basis of the facilities will remain the same. The current safety analyses will therefore remain complete and accurate in addressing the design basis events and in analyzing accident response and consequences for the facilities.

The Limiting Conditions for Operations, Limiting Safety System Settings and Safety Limits specified in the Technical Specifications for the facilities are not affected by the proposed license amendment[s].

As such, the conditions for which the design basis accident analysis have been performed will remain valid. Therefore, the proposed license amendment[s] cannot create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed amendment[s] will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

Facility safety margins are established through Limiting Conditions for Operation, Limiting Safety System Settings and Safety Limits specified in the Technical Specifications. Since there will be no change to the physical design or operation of the facilities, there will be no change to any of these margins. Thus the proposed license amendment[s] will not involve a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

Based upon the analysis and description of the transaction in our submittal dated October 20, 1995, the proposed license amendment[s] only reflects a change in ownership of NSP and will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of any accident previously evaluated, create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, or involve a reduction in a margin of safety. As a result, the proposed change meets the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.95(c) and does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendments until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendments before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By May 2, 1997, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendments to the subject facility operating licenses, 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. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714, which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota. If a request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or 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.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, 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 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 that the 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 the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene, which must include a list of the contentions that 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 that supports the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in providing 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. The 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 amendments under consideration. The contention must be one that, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement that satisfies 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, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment requests involve no

significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendments and make them immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendments.

If the final determination is that the amendment requests involve a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

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 20555-0001, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. When petitions are filed during the last 10 days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission 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 Mr. John N. Hannon: 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 20555-0001, and to Gary Johnson, Northern States Power Company, 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely 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 on the basis of 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 for the transfer of control of licenses dated October 20, 1995, the application for amendments dated December 6, 1995, and NSP's commitment to notify NRC of certain transfers of assets dated August 28, 1996, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of April 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-387 50-388]

Pennsylvania Power and Light Company Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-14 and NPF-22, issued to Pennsylvania Power and Light Company (the licensee), for operation of Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendment would change the technical specifications for each unit by increasing the High (Upscale) rod block setpoints associated with the rod block monitor (RBM) system for the two loop and single loop operation. Specifically, the nominal trip setpoints would be changed from 0.63W + 41% to 0.58W + 52% for two loop operation and from 0.63W + 35% to 0.58W + 47% for single loop operation. In addition, the allowable values would be changed for two loop operation from 0.63W + 43% to 0.58W + 55% and for single loop operation from 0.63W + 37% to 0.58W + 50%. It also would change the RBM channel calibration frequency requirements from quarterly for Unit 1, from semiannually for Unit 2 to during refueling outage periods; and the allowed out-of-service times for the RBM system from 24 hours to 7 days with one RBM channel inoperable, and from one hour to 48 hours with both RBM channels inoperable.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

By May 12, 1997, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the

subject facility operating license 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. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Osterhout Free Library, Reference Department, 71 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or 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.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, 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 which 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 the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

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