

and tasks to be performed, describes the administrative and application requirements, and provides the forms needed to prepare an application. One award for up to \$1.8 million will be issued as a cooperative agreement. The duration will be one year, with supplemental awards made annually for up to 5 years, based on the recipients performance, program needs, and the availability of funds. The recipient will be expected to work in close partnership with Corrections Program Office and other Department of Justice personnel to define and address the needs for assistance by State and local jurisdictions.

Dated: September 19, 1996.

Larry Meachum,

*Director, Corrections Program Office.*

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## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

### Copyright Office

[Docket No. 96-7 CARP CD 93-94]

#### Ascertainment of Controversy for 1993 and 1994 Cable Royalty Funds

**AGENCY:** Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress directs all claimants to royalty fees collected for secondary transmission by cable systems in 1993 and 1994 to submit comments as to whether a Phase I or a Phase II controversy exists as to the distribution of these funds. The Office also requests comments as to whether it should consolidate the distribution of the 1993 cable royalties with the distribution of the 1994 cable royalties.

**DATES:** Comments are due November 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** If sent by mail, an original and five copies of written comments and a Notice of Intent to Participate should be addressed to: Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP), P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. If hand-delivered, an original and five copies of written comments and a Notice of Intent to Participate should be brought to: Office of the Copyright General Counsel, James Madison Memorial Building, Room 407, First and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20540.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Roberts, Senior Attorney, or

Tanya M. Sandros, CARP Specialist, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels, P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380. Telefax: (202) 707-8366.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each year, cable systems submit royalties to the U.S. Copyright Office for a statutory license to retransmit broadcast signals to their subscribers. 17 U.S.C. 111. These royalties are, in turn, distributed to the copyright owners by means of an ad hoc Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP) administered by the Librarian of Congress and the Copyright Office.

Before commencing a distribution proceeding, the Librarian of Congress must first ascertain whether a controversy exists as to the distribution of the funds. 17 U.S.C. 803(c). Therefore, the Copyright Office is requesting comment on the existence of controversies as to the distribution of 1993 and 1994 cable royalties. Additionally, the Office seeks comment on whether to consolidate the proceedings for distributing the 1993 cable royalties with the proceeding for distributing the 1994 cable royalties.

Finally, the Office requests that those claimants intending to participate in the 1993, 1994, or a consolidated distribution proceeding file a Notice of Intent to Participate, noting whether participation will be for 1993, 1994 or both; and the level of participation for each year, i.e. Phase I, Phase II, or both. Specifically for Phase II, each claimant must state each program category in which he or she has an interest which by the end of the comment period has not yet been satisfied by private agreement.

Participants must advise the Office of any particular controversy, Phase I or Phase II, by the end of the comment period. The Office will not consider controversies which come to its attention after the close of the comment period.

Dated: September 17, 1996.

Marybeth Peters,

*Register of Copyrights.*

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[Docket No. 95-1 CARP DD 92-94]

#### Distribution of DART Royalty Funds for 1992, 1993, and 1994

**AGENCY:** Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice of prehearing conference.

**SUMMARY:** The Library of Congress issues this notice to inform the public

that the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel (CARP) which shall determine the distribution of the 1992, 1993, and 1994 digital audio recording technology (DART) royalties in the Musical Works Funds has scheduled a prehearing conference with the participants to the proceeding. At this meeting, the participants shall consider proposals for paying the panel for their services and establish a schedule for the hearings.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The prehearing conference will be held on Friday, October 4, 1996, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the CARP hearing room, Room LM-414, located on the fourth floor of the Library of Congress, James Madison Building, First Street and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tanya M. Sandros, CARP Specialist, Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel, P.O. Box 70977, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Audio Home Recording Act (AHRA) requires manufacturers and importers to pay royalties on digital audio recording devices and media that are distributed in the United States. Each year, interested copyright parties file claims with the Copyright Office during January and February for royalties collected the preceding calendar year under chapter 10 of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. Subsequently, these funds are distributed to the claimants in two ways; either the claimants negotiate a settlement for a share of the royalties, or the Librarian of Congress convenes a CARP to determine the distribution of the funds.

On August 8, 1996, the Librarian of Congress initiated the 180-day arbitration period for the distribution of the 1992-1994 DART royalties. 61 FR 39670 (July 30, 1996). The regulations governing the administration of the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels requires that all meetings of the panels be open to the public, and that the schedule for the proceeding shall be published in the Federal Register at least seven calendar days in advance of the first meeting. 37 CFR 251.11(a)(b). This notice announces the time, date, and place of the first meeting. The arbitrators, however, have not set the schedule for the presentation of the parties' cases at this time. Therefore, the Library will publish the original schedule for this proceeding as soon as it becomes available, as required by 37 CFR 251.11(b). Any changes to the original schedule will be announced in open meeting and issued as orders to the parties participating in the proceeding.

Dated: September 17, 1996.

Marybeth Peters,

*Register of Copyrights.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306]

### Northern States Power Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60, issued to Northern States Power Company (the licensee), for operation of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Goodhue County, Minnesota.

The proposed amendments would allow the use of credit for soluble boron in spent fuel pool criticality analyses and the relocation of the spent fuel pool operating limits to the Core Operating Limits Report. Prairie Island is requesting these license amendments as a lead plant for the Westinghouse Owners Group.

Before issuance of the proposed 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.

By October 23, 1996, 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 55401. 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.

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 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 amendment 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 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.

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. Where 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 John 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 Jay Silberg, Esq., Shaw, Pittman, Potts, and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, 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 based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)(v) and 2.714(d).

If a request for a hearing is received, the Commission's staff may issue the amendments after it completes its technical review and prior to the completion of any required hearing if it publishes a further notice for public comment of its proposed finding of no significant hazards consideration in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 and 50.92.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated July 28, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street,