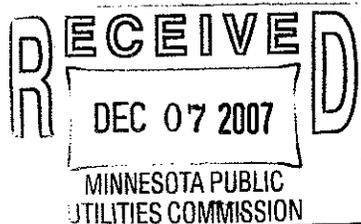




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December 5, 2007

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR A  
SITE PERMIT – MONTICELLO EXTENDED POWER UPRATE PROJECT

E002/GS-07-1567

Dear Dr. Haar:

This is to inform you that Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy”), intends to submit Certificate of Need and Site Permit Applications to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission” or “PUC”) to increase the electric generating capacity of the Monticello plant from 585 MWe to 656 MWe. Since the power uprate project will result in an increase in electric generating capacity of less than 80 MW, we intend to file the Site Permit using the alternative permitting process in accordance with Minnesota Rules Chapter 7849.5500 to 7849.5720. We are providing this notice per Minn. Rule Chapter 7849.5500 Subp. 2.

Please call me at (612) 330-5641 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

BRIAN R. ZELENAK  
MANAGER, REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION