

E-002/RP-91-682 ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of
Northern States Power Company
for Approval of its Resource
Plan

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On October 1, 1991, NSP filed its resource plan pursuant to Minnesota Rules, parts 7843.0100 to 7843.0600. On January 24, 1992, the Commission extended the intervention deadline to February 18, 1992.

On January 29, 1992, the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. (League) filed a petition to intervene in NSP's resource plan proceeding. The Commission met to consider this matter on February 11, 1992.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Department, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) and the Residential and Small Business Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General (RUD-OAG) may petition as of right to intervene in a resource planning proceeding. Minn. Rules, part 7843.0300, subp. 3. This means that they are granted party status automatically upon petitioning to intervene. Others who petition to intervene must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commission that they are "interested persons" within the meaning of Minn. Rules, part 7843.0300, subp. 3.

The Izaak Walton League has had a long-standing interest in conservation and efficiency in the generation of electricity. These interests are at the core of the resource planning process. Therefore, the League has a clear interest in this proceeding and will be accepted as a party.

ORDER

1. The Izaak Walton League's petition to intervene is granted.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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