

E-002/RP-93-630 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Northern States Power  
Company's Application for Resource Plan  
Approval 1994-2008

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On July 15, 1994, the Commission issued its ORDER APPROVING NSP'S 1993 RESOURCE PLAN AS MODIFIED, REQUIRING DETAILED COMPLIANCE FILING, AND SETTING REQUIREMENTS FOR 1995 RESOURCE PLAN FILING in this matter. Among other things, the Commission directed Northern States Power Company (NSP or the Company) to file a detailed compliance filing making certain modifications to its plan. Parties were given 60 days to comment on the compliance filing.

On December 13, 1994, NSP made its compliance filing.

On February 7, 1995, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) petitioned the Commission for an extension of time to comment on the Company's compliance filing.

On February 23, 1995, the Commission met to consider this matter.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

In support of its request for additional time to comment on NSP's compliance filing, the Department stated that at the time it filed its request it had not yet received answers to a number of information requests which had been issued in early summer. The Department explained that NSP's answers had been delayed because Company staff had to correct a small number of errors in the modeling of its resource scenarios that they had discovered. The Department estimated that a 30-day extension from the date the information was received from the Company would be sufficient to properly comment.

The Commission continues to have concern that proceedings regarding the Company's 1993 Resource Plan be completed before the Company files its next Resource Plan in July 1995. However, without adequate time to review and comment upon the Company's replies to Information Requests, the value of the Department's comments would be seriously jeopardized.

Therefore, the Commission will grant the requested 30-day extension and provide for reply comments 30 days after the initial comments are filed. Despite these delays, the Commission is reasonably hopeful that the 1993 Resource Plan will be completed in time to provide some direction to the Company before it files its 1995 Resource Plan.

**ORDER**

1. The Department's request for a time extension is granted. The parties shall have 30 days after NSP files its responses to the Department's Information Requests to file their initial comments regarding the Company's compliance filing.
2. Within 30 days after initial comments are filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 1, parties desiring to file reply comments shall do so.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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