

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company
Advance Determination of Prudence –
Prairie Island Nuclear Plant Life Extension &
Extended Power Uprate
Application

Case No. PU-10-127

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 24, 2010

On April 19, 2010, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for an Advance Determination of Prudence for two significant investments NSP intends to make at its Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (Prairie Island) located in Red Wing, Minnesota. The Project consists of installing new steam generators for Prairie Island's Unit 2 and a 164 megawatt capacity expansion project. NSP's North Dakota ratepayers benefit from the nuclear energy produced by Prairie Island and therefore would be required to pay for a portion of the costs of the Project.

The issue to be considered is whether NSP's proposed investments in these projects are prudent.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by **December 31, 2010**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine these matters without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance.

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