

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-263, 50-282, and 50-306]

### Northern States Power Company; Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has permitted Northern States Power Company (NSP, the licensee) to withdraw its December 6, 1995, application for amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-22, DPR-42, and DPR-60 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. The Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant is located in Wright County, Minnesota; the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant is located in Goodhue County, Minnesota.

The proposed amendments would have modified the operating licenses to reflect a transfer of control of the licenses resulting from the proposed merger of NSP with Wisconsin Energy Corporation. By letter dated June 10, 1997, NSP informed the Commission that on May 16, 1997, NSP and Wisconsin Energy Corporation announced an agreement to terminate plans to merge the two companies and that it was withdrawing the application for amendments.

The Commission had previously issued an Order Approving Transfer of Control of Licenses and Notice of Consideration of Proposed Issuance of Associated Amendments published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 1997 (62 FR 17882). The order becomes null and void on September 30, 1997, by its own terms.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated December 6, 1995, the application for transfer of control of licenses dated October 20, 1995, and the licensee's letter dated June 10, 1997. The above documents are available for public inspection 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.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of July 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-155]

### Consumers Power Company; Big Rock Point Plants Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-6, issued to Consumers Power Company, (CPCo, the licensee), for operation of the Big Rock Point Plant (BRP), located in Charlevoix County, Michigan.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### *Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would revise the Facility Operating License No. DPR-6 and the Technical Specifications (TS) appended to Facility Operating License No. DPR-6 for the Big Rock Point Plant. Specifically, the proposed action would amend the license to reflect the change in the licensee's name from Consumers Power Company to Consumers Energy Company.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated April 30, 1997.

##### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed action is to revise the company name in the license to reflect the corporate name change that occurred on March 11, 1997.

##### *Environment Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed changes to the license and TS. According to the licensee, the name change will not impact the existing ownership of the Big Rock Point Plant or the existing entitlement to power and will not alter the existing antitrust license conditions applicable to CPCo or CPCo's ability to comply with these conditions or with any of its other obligations or responsibilities. As stated by the

licensee, "The corporate structure remains the same, and all legal characteristics remain the same. Thus, there is neither a change in the ownership, state of incorporation, registered agent, registered office, directors, officers, rights or liabilities of the Company, nor the function of the Company or the way in which it does business. The Company's financial responsibility for the Big Rock Point Plant and its sources of funds to support the facility remain the same. Further, this name change does not impact the Company's ability to comply with any of its obligations or responsibilities under the license." Therefore, the change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there will be no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action is administrative in nature and does not involve any physical features of the plant. Thus, it does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

##### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

##### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Big Rock Point Plant.

##### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on June 13, 1997, the staff consulted with the Michigan State official, Dennis Hahn, of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Drinking Water and Radiological Protection Division, regarding the environmental impact of

the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

### Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated April 30, 1997, which is available for public inspection 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 North Central Michigan College, 1515 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of July 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Specifications for Information Based Indicia Program "Key Management Plan"

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed specifications with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Historically, postage meters have been mechanical and electromechanical devices that (1) maintain through mechanical or electronic "registers" (postal security devices) an account of all postage printed and the remaining balance of prepaid postage, and (2) print postage postmarks (indicia) that are accepted by the Postal Service as evidence of the prepayment of postage. A proposed specification has been developed on these subjects, and is entitled "Information Based Indicia Program (IBIP) Key Management Plan (Draft)." The IBIP Key Management Plan is a document intended to provide information pertaining to the life cycle of the cryptographic keys used by the United States Postal Service (USPS) Information Based Indicia Program (IBIP). The U.S. Postal Service is seeking comments on this specification.

The Postal Service also seeks comments on intellectual property

issues raised by the Key Management Plan if adopted in present form. If an intellectual property issue includes patents or patent applications covering any implementations of the specifications, the comment should include a listing of such patents and applications and the license terms available for such patents and applications.

**DATES:** Comments on the Key Management Plan must be received on or before October 14, 1997. Comments addressing intellectual property issues must be received on or before August 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Key Management Plan may be obtained from: Terry Goss, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8430, Washington DC 20260-6807. Mail or deliver written comments to: Manager, Metering Technology Management, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8430, Washington DC 20260-6807. Copies of all written comments may be inspected and photocopied between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terry Goss, (202) 268-3757.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Information Based Indicia Program (IBIP) is a Postal Service initiative supporting the development and implementation of a new form of postage indicia. An "IBIP Postal Security Device" provides cryptographic signature, financial accounting, indicium creation, device authorization, and audit functions.

The goal for IBIP is to provide an environment in which customers can apply postage through new technologies that improve postal revenue security. This requires a new form of postage indicia and the adoption of standards to facilitate industry investment and product development.

The Key Management Plan is used to define the generation, distribution, use, and replacement of the cryptographic keys used by the USPS, Product/Service Providers, and Postal Security Devices (see 61 FR 34460, July 2, 1996). The management of cryptographic keys is the most critical function associated with cryptographic security. Security afforded by the cryptographic algorithms in use cannot be guaranteed if the cryptographic keys are not generated, disseminated, stored, used, and ultimately destroyed in a secure manner. The intent of this Key Management Plan is to address all of these issues with respect to IBIP.

It is emphasized that this proposed draft standard is being published for comment and is subject to final definition.

Although exempt from the notice and comments requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553 (b), ©) regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comments on the proposed specification.

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of modifications and addition of three new routine uses to an existing system of records.

**SUMMARY:** This document publishes notice of modifications to Privacy Act system of records USPS 130.040, Philately—Postal Product Sales and Distribution, renamed by this notice to USPS 220.030, Marketing Records—Postal Product Sales and Distribution. The proposed modifications rename the system to better describe the type of information collected; update various segments of the system notice to reflect collection of information relating to new electronic retail concepts; and add three related routine uses.

Two of the three new routine uses allow disclosure of limited information to a contractor to fulfill the agency functions of bank card verification, order shipping, and customer service support. The other routine use allows the Postal Service to discuss with either the sender or recipient the status of an order that may be retrieved by the other's name.

**DATES:** Any interested party may submit written comments on the proposed amendments and additions. This proposal will become effective without further notice on August 25, 1997, unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this proposal should be mailed or delivered to Payroll Accounting and Records, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8800, Washington, DC 20260-5242. Copies of all written comments will be available at the above address for public inspection and photocopying between 8