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NRC ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR MONTICELLO

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced today that an application for a 20-year renewal of the operating license for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant is available for public review.

The Monticello plant is located approximately 30 miles northwest of Minneapolis, Minn., and its current operating license expires on Sept. 9, 2010.

The licensee, Nuclear Management Company, submitted the renewal application March 24. It will be available on the NRC Web site at this address:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html> .

The NRC staff is currently conducting an initial review of the application to determine whether it contains enough information for the required formal review. If the application has sufficient information, the NRC will formally “docket,” or file, the application and will announce an opportunity to request a public hearing.

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