

(1) Classification of LSC Funds and Property: i.e., unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted in the financial statements. The Guide classifies LSC funds as temporarily restricted net assets that remain restricted until eligible expenses are incurred on permissible activity, unearned LSC funds (i.e., formerly deferred support) as refundable advances until earned, and property purchased with LSC funds as a permanent restricted net asset. We invite comments on the impact of this treatment of LSC funds and property.

(2) Electronic transfer of Grant Activity: LSC is seeking to establish a uniform and effective means by which a recipient can electronically file audits and other financial reports with LSC. The electronic transfer necessarily would require uniform presentation of financial data. We solicit comments on the advisability and feasibility of accomplishing this result.

(3) Cost Allocations: We invite comments on what guidance would be useful regarding cost allocation procedures and bases.

(4) Appropriation of Net Assets/Fund Balances: The Guide proposes treating all unexpended funds at the end of the grant year as "net assets," including amounts which could be deemed to be an excess "fund balance" subject to recovery by LSC under 45 CFR 1628. We also invite comment on the appropriate accounting treatment of reserves for encumbrances and contingencies which should be included in net assets (fund balances).

Where possible, comments should reference applicable paragraph numbers in the proposed revision.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### National Science Foundation Proposal/Award Information—Grant Proposal Guide; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. Such a notice was published at **Federal Register**, 4815, dated January 31, 1997. No comments were received.

This material is being submitted for OMB review with no changes. Send any written comments to Desk Officer, OMB, 3145-0058, OIRA, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received by May 1, 1997.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Proposed project.* "National Science Foundation Proposal/Award Information—Grant Proposal Guide." The missions of the NSF are to: increase the Nation's base of scientific and engineering knowledge and strengthen its ability to support research in all areas of science and engineering; and promote innovative science and engineering education programs that can better prepare the Nation to meet the challenges of the future. The foundation is also committed to ensuring the Nation's supply of scientists, engineers, and science educators. In its role as leading Federal supporter of science and engineering, NSF also has an important role in national science policy planning.

The information collected is used to help the Foundation fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 30,000 proposals annually for new or renewal support for research, and math/science/engineering education projects, and makes approximately 10,000 new awards. This support is made primarily through grants contracts, and other agreements awarded to approximately 2,800 colleges, universities, academic consortia, nonprofit institutions, and small businesses. The awards are based on mainly on evaluations of proposal merit submitted to the Foundation (see OMB Clearance No. 3145-0060).

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its review and award processes to identify and address excessive reporting burdens. The Foundation is also committed to monitor and identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or handicap of the proposed principal investigator(s)/project director(s) or the co-principal

investigator(s)/co-project director(s). The collection of this information is a part of the regular submission of proposals to the Foundation.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-263, 50-282, 50-306, and 72-10]

### Northern States Power Company (Monticello and Prairie Island Units 1 and 2 Nuclear Generating Plants and Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation); Order Approving Transfer of Control of Licenses and Notice of Consideration of Proposed Issuance of Associated Amendments, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

#### I

Northern States Power Company (NSP) is owner and operator of Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, and Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). NSP is governed by Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-22, DPR-42, and DPR-60 issued by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) pursuant to Part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR Part 50). Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant's Units 1 and 2 Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-42, and DPR-60 were issued on August 9, 1973, and October 29, 1974, respectively. NSP was issued Provisional Operating License No. DPR-22 for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant on September 8, 1970, and Facility Operating License No. DPR-22 on January 9, 1981. NSP is also governed by Materials License No. SNM-2506 issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) pursuant to 10 CFR Part 72 on October 19, 1993. The Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant is located in Wright County, Minnesota. The Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2, and the Prairie Island ISFSI are located in Goodhue County, Minnesota.

#### II

By letter dated October 20, 1995, NSP informed the Commission that it intends to transfer ownership of the facility operating licenses for Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, the Prairie