

Wisconsin. This project would not use Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. William Zawacki, Director, Hydro Plants, or Ms. Kristina Bourget, Esq., Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy), 1414 West Hamilton Avenue, PO Box 8, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54702-0008, 715-836-1136 or 715-839-1305, respectively.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Ramer, (202) 502-8969.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protest:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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k. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The Menomonie Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 624-foot-long by about 40-foot-high dam, topped with five, 40-foot-wide by 19-foot-high and one, 9-foot-high by 25-foot-wide, steel Tainter gates, with a total dam discharge capacity of 62,000 cubic feet per second (cfs); (2) a 1,405-acre reservoir (Lake Menomin) with a gross storage capacity of about 15,000-acre feet; (3) a 72-foot-long by about 50-foot-wide by 40-foot-high powerhouse containing two vertical-shaft Kaplan turbine-generators with a combined total maximum hydraulic capacity of 2,700 cfs and a total installed generating capacity of about 5.4 megawatts (MW), producing a total of 23,358,292 kilowatt-hours (kWh) annually; (4) a 4,160-volt bus with three bundles of underground cables, approximately 50-feet-long, leading to a substation containing a 69-kilovolt (kV) bus from which power

flows to serve the applicant's interconnected electrical system, or to a 12.5-kV local distribution system; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The dam and existing project facilities are owned by Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy).

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h. above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protest

August 29, 2003.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New License for a Major Water Power Project.

b. *Project No.:* P-2697-014.

c. *Date Filed:* February 10, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy).

e. *Name of Project:* Cedar Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Red Cedar River, Towns of Tainter, Red Cedar, and Sherman, Dunn County, Wisconsin. This project would not use Federal lands. g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

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