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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2192-009]

Consolidated Water Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 10, 2004.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an application requesting Commission approval for the transfer of project land and water withdrawal for the Biron Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the Wisconsin River in Wood and Portage Counties in central Wisconsin. The Biron Dam is located at river mile 219 in the Village of Biron.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that the transfer of land and water withdrawal would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to the March 5, 2004 Commission Order titled "Order Amending License for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters," which is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed

on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (prefaced by P-) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC On Line Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY contact (202) 502-8659.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2056-016]

Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy); Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

March 8, 2004.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Part 380 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380; FERC Order No. 486 and 52 FR 47897, the Office of Energy Projects Staff (staff) reviewed the application for a new license for the St. Anthony Falls Hydroelectric Project, located on the Mississippi River in the city of Minneapolis in Hennepin County, Minnesota, and prepared a final environmental assessment (EA) for the project. The project does not use or occupy any federal facilities or lands.

In this final EA, the staff analyzes the potential environmental effects of the existing project and concludes that licensing the project, with staff's recommended measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the final EA and 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 "FERRIS" 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-

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping Meetings and Soliciting Scoping Comments

March 9, 2004.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New major license.

b. *Project No.:* 2114-116.

c. *Date Filed:* October 29, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington.

e. *Name of Project:* Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Columbia River in portions of Grant, Yakima, Kittitas, Douglas, Benton, and Chelan Counties, Washington. The project occupies Federal lands managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of the Army, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Laurel Heacock, Licensing Manager, Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, 30 C Street, SW., Ephrata, Washington 98823, telephone (509) 754-6622.

i. *FERC Contact:* Charles Hall, telephone (202) 502-6853, e-mail charles.hall@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for Filing Scoping Comments:* May 3, 2004.

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.

The Commission's rules of practice and procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.