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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of January 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John G. Lamb,

Senior Project Manager, Watts Bar Special Projects Branch, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-438-CP, 50-439-CP; ASLBP No. 10-896-01-CP-BD01]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and the Commission's regulations, see 10 CFR 2.104, 2.105, 2.300, 2.313, 2.318, and 2.321, notice is hereby given that an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

Tennessee Valley Authority (Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2)

This proceeding concerns a Petition to Intervene submitted by the Blue Ridge Environment Defense League, its chapter Bellefonte Efficiency and Sustainability Team, and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy in response to a **Federal Register** Notice published on March 13, 2009 (74 FR 10,969) stating that any person adversely affected by the Commission's determination to reinstate the construction permits for Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, to be located in Jackson County, Alabama, may request a hearing. The scope of the hearing request "is limited to whether good cause exists for the reinstatement of the [construction permits]" (*ibid.*; see also *In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority* (Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2), CLI-10-

06, 71 NRC (slip op. at 6-7, 19 (Jan. 7, 2010))).

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

G. Paul Bollwerk III, Chair, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001;

Dr. Anthony J. Baratta, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001;

Dr. William W. Sager, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed in accordance with the NRC E-filing rule, which the NRC promulgated in August 2007 (72 FR 49,139).

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of January 2010.

E. Roy Hawkens,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-282 and 50-306; NRC-2010-0022]

License Nos. DPR-42 and DPR-60; Northern States Power Company; Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2; Receipt of Request for Action Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated September 4, 2009, Mr. David Lee Sebastian (petitioner) has requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take action with regard to the licensee for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. The Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant is operated by Northern States Power Company, incorporated in Minnesota as a wholly owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel). The petitioner requests that the NRC:

(1) Order Xcel to cease and desist from its current arbitrary and capricious practices using the Access Authorization and Fitness for Duty (AA/FFD) Programs other than their intended created intent, as they are being applied against the petitioner.

(2) Order compliance with:

(A) The NRC's regulations under Section 73.56, "Personnel Access Authorization Requirements for Nuclear Power Plants," of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 73.56);

(B) The rationale described in the final rule "Access Authorization Program for Nuclear Power Plants" (RIN 3150-AA90) published in the **Federal Register** on April 26, 1991 (56 FR 18997); and

(C) Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) implementation guidance in "Nuclear Power Plant Access Authorization Program" (NEI-03-01, Rev. 2).

(3) That the petitioner be granted access authorization without further delay to perform his accepted job tasks with all record of denial removed from any and all records wherever found.

(4) Issue any other Order, or grant any other relief, to which the petitioner may have shown himself entitled.

As the basis for the request, the petitioner states that Xcel is in violation of 10 CFR 73.56 in denying him access to the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant using the AA/FFD program by basing the decision solely upon an existing tax lien. The petitioner states that Xcel failed to base the decision to grant or deny unescorted access authorization on a review and evaluation of all pertinent information. The petitioner states that Xcel failed to incorporate all three elements (i.e., background investigation, psychological assessment, and behavioral observation) of the unescorted access authorization program when making the decision to deny the petitioner unescorted access, contrary to the rationale for rule "Access Authorization Program for Nuclear Power Plants" (56 FR 18997).

The NRC is treating the petitioner's request pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206, "Requests for Action under This Subpart." The request has been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. As provided by Section 2.206, the NRC will take appropriate action on this petition within a reasonable time. A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, MD 20852. Publicly available records related to this action will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.Resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for the

incoming petition request is ML093380574.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of January 2010.

Eric J. Leeds,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 213.103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roland Edwards, Senior Executive Resource Services, Employee Services, 202-606-2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between December 1, 2009, and December 31, 2009. These notices are published monthly in the **Federal Register** at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is also published each year. The following Schedules are *not* codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. These are agency-specific exceptions.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities to report during December 2009.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities to report during December 2009.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during December 2009.

Department of State

DSGS69986 Executive Director to the Assistant Secretary for International Organizational Affairs. Effective December 23, 2009.

Department of Defense

DDGS17267 Director for Joint Communications to the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs. Effective December 1, 2009.

Department of the Army

DWGS60076 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works). Effective December 24, 2009.

Department of Justice

DJGS00155 Speechwriter to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective December 17, 2009.

Department of Agriculture

DAGS00186 White House Liaison to the Secretary. Effective December 4, 2009.

DAGS00320 Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective December 16, 2009.

Department of Commerce

DCGS60512 Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security. Effective December 1, 2009.

DCGS00502 Director of Advance to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective December 10, 2009.

DCGS60371 Policy Advisor to the Chief of Staff for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Effective December 16, 2009.

DCGS00693 Policy Advisor to the Chief of Staff for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Effective December 22, 2009.

Department of Labor

DLGS00024 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy. Effective December 1, 2009.

DLGS60076 Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. Effective December 1, 2009.

DLGS60107 Regional Representative to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective December 3, 2009.

DLGS60142 Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Labor. Effective December 24, 2009.

Department of Education

DBGS00572 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development. Effective December 1, 2009.

DBGS00317 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective December 4, 2009.

DBGS00318 Director for Special Initiatives to the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement. Effective December 4, 2009.

DBGS00319 Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective December 4, 2009.

DBGS00406 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Vocational

and Adult Education. Effective December 4, 2009.

DBGS00218 Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the Under Secretary. Effective December 15, 2009.

DBGS00529 Special Assistant to the Director, Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Center. Effective December 17, 2009.

DBGS00498 Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective December 22, 2009.

Environmental Protection Agency

EPGS10002 Senior Speech Writer to the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs. Effective December 8, 2009.

Department of Energy

DEGS00780 Director, Office of Congressional Affairs to the Director of Congressional, Intergovernmental, and Public Affairs. Effective December 10, 2009.

DEGS00781 Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective December 24, 2009.

DEGS00783 Special Assistant to the Deputy Director, Scheduling and Advance. Effective December 24, 2009.

DEGS00785 Staff Assistant to the General Counsel. Effective December 31, 2009.

General Services Administration

GSGS01435 Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator. Effective December 11, 2009.

GSGS01434 Federal Interagency Councils Program Manager to the Associate Administrator for Governmentwide Policy. Effective December 17, 2009.

Department of Transportation

DTGS60301 Associate Director to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs. Effective December 18, 2009.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., p. 218.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

John Berry,

Director.

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