

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER ACCEPTING
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR)	CERTIFICATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF ANGUS C. ANSON)	AUTHORIZING
COMBUSTION TURBINE FACILITY)	CONSTRUCTION,
)	EXPANSION OR
)	IMPROVEMENT
)	EL00-004

On February 15, 2000, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed a certification with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that the construction of certain improvements to the Angus C. Anson combustion turbines facility would be in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit for its construction which was issued in Docket EL91-001.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-27, if a utility has obtained a permit to construct, expand or improve a facility and it has not commenced such work within four years of the issuance of the permit, it must certify to the Commission that such facility continues to meet the conditions upon which the permit was granted. The Commission considered this matter at its February 29, 2000 and March 14, 2000, meetings.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-41B, South Dakota Codified Laws and, in particular, SDCL 49-41B-27.

The Commission, having reviewed the certification of NSP and the information provided to it by NSP as a result of this filing, finds that the certification is acceptable and NSP shall be authorized to improve the Angus C. Anson combustion turbine facility pursuant to the terms and conditions of the permit issued to it in Docket EL91-001 and the certification made by NSP in this docket; accordingly, it is

ORDERED, that the certification of NSP shall be accepted and that it shall be authorized to improve the Angus C. Anson combustion turbine facility pursuant to the terms and conditions of the permit issued to it in Docket EL91-001 and the certification made to the Commission in this docket.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of March, 2000.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>William Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>3/21/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner