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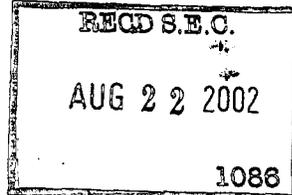


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Montana Power Capital I, Guarantee of NorthWestern Corporation with respect to 8.45% Cumulative Quarterly Trust Preferred Securities of Montana Power Capital I (dated August 13, 2002) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on August 22, 2002.

Sincerely,

*Tarad Eladho*