Shared Dispositive Power

7,680

9. Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

8.

with

7,680

10. Check box if the aggregate amount in row (9) includes certain shares*

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11. Percent of class represented by amount in row 9 4.52%

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SCHEDULE 13G

ITEM 1(A): NAME OF ISSUER:

MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT CO.

1(B): ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

30 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802

ITEM 2(A): NAME OF PERSON FILING:

Wellington Management Company ("WMC")

ITEM 2(B): ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:

75 State Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109

ITEM 2(C): CITIZENSHIP:

See Item 4 of Cover Page

ITEM 2(D): TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

See Cover Page

ITEM 2(E): CUSIP NUMBER:

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ITEM 3: TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON:

See Item 12 of Cover Page

ITEM 4: OWNERSHIP:

- (a) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: WMC, in its capacity as investment adviser, may be deemed the beneficial owner of 7,680 shares of common stock of the Issuer which are owned by numerous investment counselling clients.
- (b) PERCENT OF CLASS: 4.52%
- (c) For information on voting and dispositive power with respect to the above listed shares, see Items 5 8 of Cover Page.

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ITEM 5: OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:

ITEM 6: OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

Shares as to which this Schedule is filed are owned by a variety of investment advisory clients of the person filing this Schedule, which clients receive dividends and the proceeds from the sale of such shares. No such client is known to have such interest with respect to more than five percent of the class except as follows:

ITEM 7: IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH

ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING
COMPANY:

Wellington Trust Company, N.A. (BK)

ITEM 8: IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

Not Applicable

ITEM 9: NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:

Not Applicable

ITEM 10: CERTIFICATION:

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE:

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

Date: February 7, 1995 Signature: --//Leslie A. Meinhart// Name/Title: LESLIE A. MEINHART Senior Regulatory Analyst