SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q/A AMENDMENT NO. 2

(Mark One)

/X/ Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended JUNE 30, 1996

or

/ Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File No. 1-3548

MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
A Minnesota Corporation
IRS Employer Identification No. 41-0418150
30 West Superior Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802
Telephone - (218) 722-2641

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X No

Common Stock, no par value, 31,935,547 shares outstanding as of July 31, 1996

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

This Amendment No. 2 to Minnesota Power & Light Company's (Company) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Form 10-Q) for the quarter ended June 30, 1996 is being filed to restate the Company's financial data schedule for the six months ended June 30, 1996. The Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1997 reflected a reclassification made on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows to exclude income from equity investments - net of dividends received from operating activities. This Amendment No. 2 includes only the restated financial data schedule. The following tag has been restated:

[CASH-FLOW-OPERATIONS] (293)

(a) Exhibits

27 - Financial Data Schedule

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Minnesota	Power	&	Light	Company
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(Registrant)				

September 16, 1997

D. G. Gartzke -----

D. G. Gartzke

Senior Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer

September 16, 1997

Mark A. Schober -----

> Mark A. Schober Controller

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 27 - Financial Data Schedule

THIS SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM MINNESOTA POWER'S CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, STATEMENT OF INCOME, AND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 1996, AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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Includes \$6,609,000 of Income from Equity Investments and \$1,711,000 for Distribution on Redeemable Preferred Securities of Subsidiary.