SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20059

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.

NAME OF ISSUER: Minnesota Power & Light Company

TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES: Minnesota Power & Light

Company Common Stock, No

Par Value

CUSIP NUMBER: 604110-106

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement: [

CUSIP NO. 604110-106

Names of Reporting Persons SS or IRS Identification Nos. MELLON BANK CORPORATION (1) IRS No. 25-1233834 of Above Persons

- Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (2) (a)
 - (b) (See Instructions)
- (3) SEC Use Only
- (4) Citizenship or Place of Organization

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With		(5)	Sole Voting Power	117,000
		(6)	Shared Voting Power	0
		(7)	Sole Dispositive Power	116,000
		(8)	Shared Dispositive Power	2
(9)	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person			4,876,889
(10)	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)			
(11)	Percent of C by Amount in		•	15.70
(12)	Type of Repo (See Instruc			НС

CUSIP NO. 604110-106

(1)	Names of Reporting Persons SS or IRS Identification Nos. of Above Persons			MELLON BANK, N.A. IRS No. 25-0659306	
(2)	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)			(a) (b)	
(3)	SEC Use Only				
(4)	Citizenship or Place of Organization				United States
Benef Owned	er of Shares icially I by Each	(5)	Sole Voting Power	73,000	
Repor With	ting Person	(6)	Shared Voting Power	0	
		(7)	Sole Dispositive Power	73,000	
		(8)	Shared Dispositive Power	1	
(9)	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person			4,832,889	
(10)	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)				
(11)	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)			15.56	
(12)	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)			ВК	

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(1)	Names of Reporting Persons SS or IRS Identification Nos. of Above Persons			MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN TRUST IRS No. 25-6331151	
(2)	(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)			(a)	
				(b)	
(3)	SEC Use Only				
(4)	Citizenship or Place of Organization			United	States
Number of Shares (5) Sole Voting Beneficially Power Owned by Each		0			
With	ting Person	(6)	Shared Voting Power	0	
		(7)	Sole Dispositive Power	0	
		(8)	Shared Dispositive Power	0	
(9)	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person * See Exhibit II (A)			4,758,889 *	
(10)	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)				
(11)	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)			15.32	
(12)	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)			EP	

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SCHEDULE 13G

(Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934)

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Minnesota Power & Light Company

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

30 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802

Item 2 (a) Name of Person Filing:

Mellon Bank Corporation, Subsidiaries (including but not limited to the Subsidiaries of The Boston Company, Inc.) as listed on Exhibit I and Minnesota Power & Light Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan Trust

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:

Mellon Bank Corporation One Mellon Bank Center Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15258

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

United States

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Minnesota Power & Light Company Common Stock, No Par Value

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

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- Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
 - (a) [] Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act.
 - (b) [x] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act.

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[] Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act. (d) Investment Company registered under [] Section 8 of the Investment Company Act. Investment Advisor registered under (e) [] Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. (f) [x] Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Section 240.13-d(1)(b)(ii)(G). (g) [x] (Note: See Item 7) Group, in accordance with Section (h) [] 240.13d(1)(b)(ii)(H).

Item 4 Ownership:

(a)	Amount beneficially owned:	4,876,889*
	* See Exhibit II (A), (C)	

- (b) Percent of class: 15.70
- (c) Number of shares as to which person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 117,000
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
- (iii) Sole power to dispose
 or to direct the
 disposition of shares: 116,000
- (iv) Shared power to dispose
 or to direct the
 disposition of shares: 2

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

N/A

All of the securities are beneficially owned by Mellon Bank Corporation and subsidiaries in their various fiduciary capacities. As a result, another entity in every instance is entitled to dividends or proceeds of sale. The number of individual accounts holding an interest of 5% or more is 1. Employee Benefit Trust: 4,758,889 - 15.32%.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary
Which Acquired the Security Being Reported by the
Parent Holding Company:

This Schedule is filed on behalf of Mellon Bank Corporation and Subsidiaries (including but not limited to the Subsidiaries of The Boston Company, Inc.) as noted on Exhibit I.

N/A

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

N/A

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 purposes 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 8, 1994

MELLON BANK CORPORATION

By /s/ Michael E. Bleier Michael E. Bleier General Counsel

MELLON BANK, N.A.

By /s/ Stephen A. Yoder Stephen A. Yoder Assistant General Counsel

MELLON BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE OF THE MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN TRUST

By /s/ Stephen A. Yoder Stephen A. Yoder Assistant General Counsel

EXHIBIT I

The shares reported on the attached Form 13G are held by the following Subsidiaries of Mellon Bank Corporation (including but not limited to the Subsidiaries of The Boston Company, Inc.) as marked (X):

- (A) (X) Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company
 Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company of California
 Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company of New York
 - (X) Mellon Bank, N.A. Mellon Bank (Delaware) National Association Mellon Bank (MD)
- (B) Franklin Portfolio Laurel Capital Advisors
 - (X) Mellon Capital Management Corporation Mellon Equity Associates The Boston Company Advisors, Inc. The Boston Company Financial Strategies, Inc. The Boston Company Institutional Investors, Inc.

The Item 3 classification of each of the subsidiaries listed under (A) above is "Item 3(b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act."

The Item 3 classification of each of the subsidiaries listed under (B) above is "Item 3 (e) Investment Advisor registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940."

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EXHIBIT II

- (A) Mellon Bank, N.A. is the trustee of the issuer's employee benefit plan (the "Plan") which is subject to ERISA. The securities reported include all shares held of record by Mellon Bank, N.A. as trustee of the Plan. The reporting person, however, disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares that have been allocated to the individual accounts of employee participants in the Plan for which directions have been received and followed.
- (B) This number includes securities not outstanding which are subject to options, warrants, rights or conversion privileges that are exercisable within 60 days.
- (C) The filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that Mellon Bank Corporation, or its subdidiaries and affiliates, including Mellon Bank, N.A., are, for the purposes of this Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act, the beneficial owners of any securities covered by this Schedule 13G.

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