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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

~~Northeastern Iowa Power Company~~: Mitchell Powerhouse and Dam

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Red Cedar River

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mitchell

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Mitchell

CODE

131

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

- | | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mitchell County Conservation Board

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Osage

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa 50461

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Mitchell County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Osage

STATE
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The powerhouse and dam, constructed in 1925, are located on the Red Cedar River at the western edge of Mitchell. The powerhouse is on the north bank, adjacent to a public park. Across the river are wooded hills, many with limestone outcroppings.

The concrete dam consists of a permanent crest, approximately 100 feet long, with two tainter gates, each 32 feet wide, toward the south end. A third gate, at the extreme south end of the structure, was replaced with a permanent concrete spillway. The permanent crest is hollow, enabling the operator to walk from the powerhouse to the gates. The gates are raised with an electric winch suspended from a monorail.

The powerhouse is a one-story building, 28' x 61'. It is constructed of rock faced limestone, laid in a random ashlar pattern, on a stone and concrete foundation. Quoining is in smoothly-dressed stone, which is corbelled out at cornice level to meet the parapet gables on the north and south sides. Windows are tall, multi-light with 8-light gransoms, deeply recessed within dressed stone surrounds. There are 4 windows on east and west, and two on the south overlooking the dam. A smaller window is located to the left of the wide, double-door entrance. Set into the north wall are two concrete panels: the upper, from 1925, includes the Power Company's initials; the lower, which simply says "1859" commemorates the grist mill which originally occupied this site. Below the window in this wall is a grindstone from that same mill.

The interior space is one room, with plastered walls, concrete floor, and beaded-board ceiling. The water-power generators have been removed, but overhead chain winches are present and in working order.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Selected Correspondence, between Fargo Engineering Co. and the Northeastern Iowa Power Co.: Sept. 19, October 23, November 26, 1924 (copy on file at Division of Historic Preservation, Iowa City).
 Northeastern Iowa Power Co., Articles of Incorporation.
 Milton R. Owen, Mitchell Co. Conservation Board, to Division of Historic Preservation, 11 August, 1978/
 History of Mitchell Co., Iowa. Springfield: Union Publishing Co., 1882, pp. 185-6, 373-4, 377.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Osage SW, Iowa

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 5 | 5, 0, 9 | 6, 6, 0 | 4, 7, 9, 5 | 9, 7, 0

B 1, 5 | 5, 0, 9 | 6, 1, 5 | 4, 7, 9, 5 | 9, 2, 0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Property includes land presently occupied by Mitchell Dam and Powerhouse, and extends 200 feet downstream on the north bank of the river, then due north 25 feet, then due west 200 feet, then due south back to point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

W.R. Biedermann, President

ORGANIZATION

Mitchell County Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

R.R. 4

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Osage

STATE

Iowa 50461

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian A. Fuchs

TITLE Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE 8/24/78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Charles Atkinson
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12.8.78

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

William H. Brashman 12.7.78