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## Mrs. Smaby proposed for NSP board seat

A Twin Cities consumer organization announced Wednesday that it will attempt to place Mrs. Alpha Smaby, a former state representative, on the board of Northern States Power Co. (NSP) to serve as a "consumer advocate."

The Coalition to Advocate Public Utility Responsibility (CAPUR), an organization of 11 major area consumer groups, said Mrs. Smaby was chosen from a list of five potential candidates for the position.

CAPUR was formed last year for the specific purpose of recommending "public" candidates for the NSP board, which presently has 14 members. The organization last month submitted its list of five candidates to the utility. It hoped the board would pick one as a con-



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sumer advocate.

However, NSP Chairman Robert Engels told CAPUR that the utility has no plans at present to increase the number of directors.

Mrs. Smaby, 1531 E. River Rd., said yesterday that CAPUR hopes to enlist sufficient community support to place her on the board.