



Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant
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**MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22**

**NMC Submittal of Special Report Required by
Monticello Technical Specification 3.13.B.3.b**

This letter provides a special report in accordance with Section 3.13.B, Fire Suppression Water System, of the Monticello Technical Specifications. Section 3.13.B.3.b includes the following requirement with regard to more than one fire pump simultaneously inoperable.

With the fire suppression water systems otherwise inoperable...[P]rovide a special report to the Commission within 14 days outlining the actions taken and the plans and schedule for restoring the system to operable status.

Accordingly, Nuclear Management Company is providing the following special report.

On September 29, 2000 at 9:30 A.M., two of the three fire protection pumps were removed from service as the result of the system configuration necessary to perform test 0268 (Fire Protection System Flow Test). This test requires use of the Electric Fire Pump to regulate flow around the yard loop and cooling tower loop. The Screenwash and Diesel Fire Pumps are removed from service to prevent them from autostarting when fire header pressure is lowered during flow testing. Following flow testing, both fire pumps were returned to service on September 29, 2000 at 10:32 A.M.

As a compensatory action when the pumps were inoperable, contingency plans were in place to terminate the flow test and return the Screenwash and Diesel Fire Pumps to service in an expeditious manner.

To prevent removing two fire pumps from service in the future, test 0268 has been revised to utilize two fire pumps for header flow testing.

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