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Sincerely,

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MONTICELLO LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST DATED MAY 2, 2001

Request for Additional Information

1. Current surveillance requirement 4.5.A.3 requires demonstration of high pressure core injection pump flow rate against a reactor pressure range from 1120 psig to 150 psig. The proposed amendment has a lower end-of-range of 165 psig. What is the justification for the change? Does the change affect any other requirement, safety analysis, or calculation in the current licensing basis?

Your request states that the proposed changes are modeled after the Standard Technical Specifications (STS, NUREG-1433). The staff noted some differences between your request and the STS, as stated in the questions below, for which your justification was unclear. Relating proposed changes to the STS is helpful to licensees and the staff, since it provides a reference point for precedent. Simply referencing the STS is insufficient, however, particularly for a plant that is not converted to the STS. Plant-specific justifications for changes from your current TSs are required. As stated in the preface to NUREG-1433, "Licensees adopting portions of the improved STS to existing technical specifications (TSs) should adopt all related requirements, as applicable, to achieve a high degree of standardization and consistency." In addition, licensees are encouraged to consider the STS specific characteristics of format and content, word usage and definitions, notation conventions, the use of expanded Bases, 3.0 LCOs, and other factors. These are an integral part of STS and should be evaluated for non-STs based TS changes.

2. The request states that proposed TS Section 6.8 is consistent with NUREG-1433; however, the proposed section lacks STS 5.5.7.a (definition of testing frequencies). The table defining testing frequencies was specifically included in NUREG-1433 because of the lack of definition in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code. What is the justification for not including the table in the proposed amendment?
3. The request states that the proposed relocation of the surveillance requirement for residual heat removal service water pumps to the inservice testing program is consistent with NUREG-1433; however, the request does not propose adding STS 3.7.1.1 (monthly valve lineup). What is the justification for not including STS 3.7.1.1 in the proposed amendment?

ENCLOSURE