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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - REVIEW OF RELIEF REQUESTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOURTH INTERVAL INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM PLAN SUBMITTAL, DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2002 (TAC NO. MB6807)

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The NRC performance goals for licensing actions is to complete 95 percent in less than one year and 100 percent in less than two years. The NRC staff finds your proposed target date for completion of our review to be extremely aggressive, but the NRC staff will endeavor to complete its review consistent with the proposed schedule.

The NRC faces significant challenges to balance its work load, available resources, and budget constraints and achieve its performance goals. Accordingly, it is important that you plan your submittals to enable the NRC staff to perform its review in an efficient manner consistent with our performance goals and your schedule.

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