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**MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT**  
**DOCKET 50-263**  
**LICENSE No. DPR-22**

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR RENEWAL OF OPERATING  
LICENSE**

The purpose of this letter is to provide early notification to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of Nuclear Management Company's, LLC (NMC) intent to pursue license renewal, pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR Part 54, for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (MNGP). NRC Regulatory Issue Summaries 2000-20, "Importance of Industry Providing NRC Advance Notice of Intent to Pursue License Renewal," and 2003-02, "Importance of Giving NRC Advance Notice of Intent to Pursue License Renewal," requested licensees to provide voluntary submission of plans related to renewal of operating licenses.

NMC, acting as the agent for the utility asset owner, maintains and operates the MNGP. This notification is submitted at the direction of the utility asset owner. The asset owner has not made a final decision related to license renewal; however, previous studies have indicated that license renewal is in the best interest of its ratepayers. Further study is being conducted and the asset owner's decision whether to actually make the renewal filing will be made upon completion of this work.

Based on the timing of the work effort, in the event of a final corporate decision by the asset owner to file, it is our current intention to submit the License Renewal Application for the MNGP in the first quarter of 2005. The MNGP Operating License expires at midnight, September 8, 2010.

We will keep the NRC informed of any changes to this schedule to assist in resource planning.

This letter makes no new commitments, nor does it modify any prior NRC commitments.

Please contact Mr. Douglas Neve, Regulatory Affairs Manager - MNGP, at 763-295-1353, if you require additional information related to this notification.



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