

April 26, 2006

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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT RELATED TO THE LICENSE RENEWAL OF
MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

Dear Mr. Conway:

By letter dated March 16, 2005, Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC or the applicant) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for the renewal of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (MNGP), operating license for up to an additional 20 years. The license renewal application (LRA) was submitted pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 54, "Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants." The NRC staff determined that the LRA was complete and acceptable for docketing on May 5, 2005.

The NRC staff has reviewed the NMC LRA and has developed the enclosed "Safety Evaluation Report Related to the License Renewal of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant," herein after referred to as the Safety Evaluation Report (SER). This SER reflects the status of the staff's review of the LRA, requests for additional information (RAIs), the applicant's responses to the NRC staff's RAIs and other questions related to the LRA through April 1, 2006, unless otherwise noted. Issuance of the enclosed SER is an important milestone for both the applicant and the staff.

The NRC staff has not identified any open or confirmatory items in its review. However, in accordance with the schedule for completing the review of the LRA, the applicant is requested to review the enclosed SER, verify its accuracy, and provide comments to the NRC staff by June 23, 2006. The NRC staff plans to review the current content and format of the SER for further improvement while incorporating the applicant's comments. A complete and revised SER will then be issued by October 4, 2006.

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The staff is committed to completing the review of the MNGP SER in a timely manner. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the license renewal project manager, Daniel J. Merzke, at 301-415-3777 or e-mail DXM2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Frank Gillespie, Director
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