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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT – ACCEPTANCE FOR
REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO
EXTENDED POWER UPRATE (TAC NO. MD9990)

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The NRC staff has reviewed the subject application and concluded that it does provide technical information in sufficient detail to enable the NRC staff to proceed with detailed technical review and make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed amendment in terms of regulatory requirements. If additional information is needed for the NRC staff to complete its technical review, you will be advised by separate correspondence. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter S. Tam", is positioned above the typed name.

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