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Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Docket 50-263 Renewed Facility Operating License License No. DPR-22

Monticello Extended Power Uprate: Acknowledgement of NRC Review Delay (TAC No. MD9990)

Reference: NRC letter to NSPM, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant – Revised Schedule

for Review of Extended Power Uprate Amendment Application (TAC MD9990),

dated October 1, 2009

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of the reference NRC letter of October 1, 2009, delaying review of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (MNGP) Extended Power Uprate (EPU) license amendment request to allow for the development of additional regulatory guidance on the use of containment accident pressure (CAP) credit.

Based on your letter, NSPM understands that the NRC will continue to work to close the other remaining EPU technical issues currently outstanding for MNGP, and resolution of the CAP issue can be expected in the spring of 2010.

NSPM considers the MNGP EPU to be an effective and efficient means of producing clean, economical power using an existing generation asset. As such, NSPM will work closely with the NRC to achieve closure of all remaining open items, including CAP, relative to the MNGP EPU amendment to help facilitate as timely a resolution as possible.

Please direct any questions regarding this letter's acknowledgement to Ms. Lynne Gunderson, Projects Licensing Manager at (612) 330-6588.

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