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January 6, 2010

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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT – NRC SECURITY
INSPECTION REPORT 05000263/2009201

Dear Mr. O'Connor

On November 19, 2009, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed via conference call on November 24, 2009, with you, and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

This report documents one finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Physical Protection Significance Determination Process). The deficiency was promptly corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before the inspectors left the site. The finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Problem Identification and Resolution, within the area of Corrective Action Program, P.1.c. "Evaluates Problems," because you failed to adequately evaluate problems so that resolutions address causes and extent of conditions to ensure that the security systems you have in place are effective.

Because of the very low security significance, and because it is entered into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating this violation as Non-Cited Violation (NCV), consistent with Section VI.A.1 of the NRC Enforcement Policy. If you disagree with the characterization of the finding in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this letter, with the basis for your disagreement, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Region III, 2443 Warrenville Road, Suite 210, Lisle, Illinois 60532-4352; the Director, Nuclear Security Incident Response, and to the Branch Chief, Security Performance Evaluation Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the Resident Inspector Office at Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. The information you provide will be considered in accordance with Inspection Manual Chapter 0305. These findings were all NRC identified.

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Sincerely,

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