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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT (MNGP) – AUDIT REPORT,
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(TAC NO. MD9990)

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The enclosed audit report will be withheld from public disclosure because the audit was performed on proprietary information. This transmittal letter, however, is publicly available.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (301) 415-1451.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter S. Tam".

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Docket No. 50-263

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