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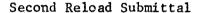
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November 19, 1973

Mr. J F O'Leary
Directorate of Licensing
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Washington, DC 20545

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT Docket No. 50-263 License No. DPR-22



Attached is a report entitled "Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Second Reload Submittal". Included in the submittal is a safety evaluation of the proposed Monticello Cycle 3 core along with a description and analysis of the 8x8 fuel scheduled to be loaded for Cycle 3 operation.

The fuel assemblies scheduled for insertion are of a different design than described in the FSAR. The required Technical Specification changes discussed in Section 7 of the attached report, will be formally submitted in the near future.

We have concluded that the proposed core loading does not involve an unreviewed safety question. The Monticello Operations Committee and Safety Audit Committee have reviewed the Second Reload Submittal.

Our outage is scheduled to commence on February 23, 1974, and is expected to conclude within two months of that date. We shall appreciate establishment of a review schedule which will permit resumption of plant operation as planned.

Yours very truly,

L O Mayer, PE

Director of Nuclear Support Services

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