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SUBJECT: SUBMITS SUPPPL INFO TO 781113 & 22 LTRS RE RHR SUCTION PIPING RESTRAINT MODS.BECHTEL CORP USED ENVELOPE RESPONSE SPECTRUM METHOD, MEETING FSAR REQUIREMENTS FOR RHR SUCTION LINE.

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Mr J G Keppler, Director Region III Office of Inspection and Enforcement U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 799 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

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

RHR Suction Piping Restraint Modifications

The purpose of this letter is to clarify and supplement our letters dated November 13, 1978 and November 22, 1978 concerning modifications to the Monticello RHR suction piping.

A question may arise as to the type of response spectrum that was used by the Architect Engineer (Bechtel Corporation) in their analysis of this piping. Bechtel has stated that they used the envelope method which is currently accepted by the NRC. This method of analysis is more conservative than the center of mass response spectrum used in the FSAR.

With the addition of one restraint and modification of two other restraints the RHR suction line meets all the requirements of the Monticello Final Safety Analysis Report.

Please contact us if you have any additional questions related to this issue.

Very truly yours,

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