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SUBJECT: Requests extension of Jul 1, 1982 deadline for implementation of TMI Action Item I.A.1.3.2 re shift manning. Two senior reactor operators may not meet requirements until Feb 1983.

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MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT  
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Delay in Implementation of Shift Manning Requirements

In a letter dated January 6, 1982 from Mr Thomas A Ippolito, Chief, Operating Reactors Branch #2, Division of Licensing, we were requested to review our implementation schedule for NUREG-0737, Item I.A.1.3.2. We were requested to inform the NRC Staff of any problems we may encounter in satisfying this item by February 1, 1982. The purpose of this letter is to bring to the attention of the Staff anticipated problems with meeting the requirement for two Senior Reactor Operators (SRO's) on shift by the required July 1, 1982 deadline. Our response is four days late due to the heavy workload imposed on our nuclear safety and licensing personnel by other NRC requirements.

Our plan for implementation of the two SRO requirement is based on the recently created position of Site Superintendent. Both the Site Superintendent and the Shift Supervisor would be licensed SRO's. One Shift Superintendent and one Shift Supervisor will be assigned to each of our six shifts. Five of the six Site Superintendents now have SRO's and we anticipate no problems in SRO licensing of the sixth. At present, two of the five Shift Supervisors have SRO licenses and one is a licensed Reactor Operator (RO). Two Shift Supervisors have no license and one position is vacant. One of the Shift Supervisors does not have the required six months experience on site. Of the remaining SRO candidates, the Monticello Training Superintendent anticipates that one of the two may not be ready for the SRO examination in May of 1982 or may not pass the examination.

Based on the above facts, we request an extension of the July 1, 1982 deadline. SRO examinations are now scheduled for May 16, 1982 and December 19, 1982. Based on past experience, we can expect to wait about four to six weeks for the results of the examinations. This may put us over the July 1, 1982 deadline for the May time frame and well into January, 1983 for the December time frame. We therefore believe, based on our assessment of the present situation, that February, 1983 is the earliest we could achieve full compliance with the shift manning requirements for our operating staff. An exemption from the requirements of NUREG-0737, Item I.A.1.3.2 until February 15, 1983 is therefore requested.

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