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

Clarification of Information Related to Degraded Voltage Protection Logic Changes

On November 27, 1984 the NRC Staff issued Amendment No. 31 to the Monticello operating license. The Safety Evaluation Report (SER) which accompanied the license amendment provided the results of NRC Staff review of our December 30, 1983 re-analysis of station distribution system adequacy and certain modifications made to the degraded voltage protection logic and diesel generator start logic. The purpose of this letter is to provide clarifying information related to one of the statements in the Staff SER.

On page two of the Staff SER, it is stated that a degraded condition on the essential buses, when supplied by No. 11 auxiliary transformer (UAT No. 11 as used in the Staff SER), will result in a transfer to No. 1R transformer (RSAT1R as used in the Staff SER), if acceptable voltage exists. This statement requires clarification.

As noted on page three of the attachment to our letter dated September 25, 1984 the degraded voltage transfer scheme was modified to transfer essential buses on a degraded voltage condition first to the preferred off-site standby reserve transformer (RSATIAR as used in the Staff SER). If loads are being supplied by UAT No. 11, they would be transferred to RSATIAR upon sensing degraded voltage assuming RSATIAR voltage was acceptable. A similar transfer occurs to RSATIAR when loads are being supplied by RSATIR and degraded voltage is sensed. A transfer directly to the diesel generators will occur if RSATIAR voltage is unacceptable or if loads are being supplied by RSATIAR and degraded voltage is sensed.

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The reason a transfer to RSATIR from UAT No. 11 on degraded voltage was not included in the design is that the additional time delay to sample RSATIR prior to transfer could prevent diesel generator load sequencing from occurring within the time specified in the design basis. Refer to Sections 8.3.3 and 8.4.1 of the Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR) for Monticello and USAR Tables 8.4.1 and 8.4.2.

Please contact us if you require additional information related to this clarification. We do not believe that this clarification affects the conclusions reached by the Staff in their Safety Evaluation Report.

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SUBJECT: Provides clarifying informent in 841127 SER accompanying Amend 31 to License DPR-22 concerning degraded voltage protection logic changes.

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