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October 15, 1976

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Dear Mr Stello:

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

Proposed Changes to Operator Requalification Program

Pursuant to 10CFR50.54, the holders of the above mentioned license hereby propose changing the Operator Requalification Program. The more significant changes are described in Attachment A to this letter. Revision 4 (10-15-76) incorporating these changes is also attached to this letter.

Yours very truly,

L O Mayer, PE

Manager of Nuclear Support Services

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ATTACHMENT A

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT DOCKET NO. 50-263

PROPOSED CHANGES TO REVISION 3 (6/3/76)
OF OPERATOR REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM
FOR PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-22
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The general discussion has been abbreviated to specify that the preplanned lecture series and seminars are directed towards those areas where annual operator and senior operator written examinations indicate that emphasis in scope and depth of coverage is needed. The general statements concerning scheduling have been deleted as these requirements are specifically mentioned in later paragraphs. The second paragraph of sect. on 2.A has been changed to require a minimum of 2 hours of on-the-job evaluation each year. This extent of evaluation is sufficient because of the commitment to simulator refresher training.

The following paragraph has been added to section 2.A. "A minimum period of three (3) days per two year licensing period will be spent at a simulator which has the characteristics of the plant for which the senior operator or reactor operator is licensed. This refresher training will expose the individual to simulated abnormal and emergency operation conditions".

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Section 2.C. has been revised to require a minimum of 80 hours of preplanned lectures over each two year training period. This amount of time is sufficient to cover those areas requiring upgrading based on performance in the annual examination.

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Section 2.D. has been revised to require a minimum of 10 hours of seminars each year. The simulator refresher training more aptly addresses those areas discussed during the scheduled seminars and minimizes the necessity for extensive on-site seminars. In the first paragraph, last sentence of section 2.E. it is stated that operating drills may be conducted at the facility or a suitable simulator. In the last paragraph of section 2.E. it is stated that, "an oral review of an operator's performance conducted after a reactor startup, shutdown or emergency operation may be used as a performance evaluation in lieu of designated operating drills."

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Section 3.E. has been added which states that, "Any licensed operator or senior operator who does not attend the required simulator refresher training during his two year licensing period will be administered an oral examination of two or more hours duration to determine the operator's knowledge of normal and emergency procedures and equipment. The oral examination will be administered by a qualified licensed senior operator."

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Unchanged.