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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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**MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT
DOCKET 50-263
LICENSE No. DPR-22
REQUEST TO USE PORTIONS OF RELIEF REQUEST #7 AS IT PERTAINS TO THE
WORK ACTIVITY ON MAIN STEAM SAFETY RELIEF VALVE "G"
(TAC No. MB6897)**

Reference 1: NMC Letter to NRC, "Monticello Relief Request Number ISI No. 7
Use of 2001 Addenda for Repair/Replacement Program, dated
December 6, 2002

Reference 2: NRC Letter to NMC, "Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant –
Request for Additional Information Related To Inservice Inspection
Program Relief Request No. 7 (TAC No. MB6897)", dated March
12, 2003

Reference 3: NMC Letter to NRC "Response to Request for Additional
Information Regarding Inservice Inspection Program Relief Request
Number No. 7 (TAC No. MB6897)", dated March 26, 2003

Reference 1 requested NRC approval of an alternative to allow the use of the 2001 Edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section XI code for repair/replacement activities for the Fourth Ten-Year Interval of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (MNGP) Inservice Inspection (ISI) Program.

Reference 2 requested the Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) to provide additional information regarding the Certificate of Reconciliation portion of the subject relief request.

Reference 3 is the NMC response to the request for additional information and revision to the Certificate of Reconciliation portion of Relief Request Number ISI No. 7.

References 1 and 3 were submitted to use the 2001 Edition of ASME Section XI code for repair/replacement activities. The 2001 Edition does not require a System Leakage Test on Mechanical Joints disassembled and reassembled during the course of a repair/replacement activity.

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MNGP is currently in a refueling outage (RFO21). The Class 1 System Leakage Test has been completed and the plant is proceeding with startup. During the startup testing, one of the Main Steam Safety Relief Valves (SRV) "G" started to leak by. NMC is in the process of replacing the topworks assembly in order to correct the leakage condition.

NMC requests the approval of Relief Request No. 7 insofar as it applies to the bolted connections of SRV "G", in lieu of the current approved MNGP Repair/Replacement Program.

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