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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION (RAI) RELATED TO INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM
RELIEF REQUEST VR-01 (TAC NO. MB9736)

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I discussed this RAI with Mr. D. Neve of your organization on August 1, 2003. We agreed that your response will be submitted within 30 days of receipt of our RAI. Please contact me at (301) 415-1423 if you have questions or need to revise this date.

Sincerely,

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