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August 8, 2007

Mr. Timothy J. O'Connor
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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT, NRC MATERIAL
CONTROL AND ACCOUNTING, TI 2515/154 PHASE III,
INSPECTION REPORT 05000263/2007402

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

From June 25 through June 29, 2007, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducted a material control and accounting safeguards program inspection at your Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. The inspection was conducted under Phase III of Temporary Instruction (TI) 2515/154. The enclosed report documents the inspection results, which were discussed with members of your staff during the exit on June 29, 2007.

This inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed storage of special nuclear material in the spent fuel pool, and interviewed personnel. Areas examined during the inspection included physical inventory and accounting records.

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Exemption number: 5
Nuclear Regulatory Commission review required before public release.

Christine A. Lipa, RIII/DRP/BR4
Name and organization of person making determination.

Date of determination: 08/06/2007

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Based on the results of this inspection, there was one NRC-identified finding of very low safety significance, which involved a violation of NRC requirements. However, because this violation was of very low safety significance and because the issue was entered into the licensee's corrective action program, the NRC is treating the violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) in accordance with Section VI.A.1 of the NRC's Enforcement Policy. If you contest the subject or severity of the NCV, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Christine A. Lipa, Chief
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