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SUBJECT: Requests addl time for completion date of fire protection
 mod.Completion date of 800930 has been established for fire
 detector-related installation & testing.

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

Request for Revised Completion Date
for Fire Protection Modification

Section 3.1.1.B(1) of the Monticello Fire Protection Safety Evaluation Report issued by the NRC Staff on August 29, 1979 contains our commitment to perform in-situ tests to verify the adequacy of fire detector locations. Completion of in-situ testing is required by June 30, 1980 by Table 3.1 of the Fire Protection Safety Evaluation Report. The purpose of this letter is to request additional time for completion of this work. Paragraph 3.F of the Monticello Provisional Operating License requires that if a fire protection modification cannot be completed on schedule, we must submit a report explaining the circumstances and provide a revised schedule for NRC Staff review.

We have found that performance of in-situ testing of fire detectors is more complex than originally thought. We have now obtained the services of a consultant to develop the procedures for this test program. We also believe that relocation of some fire detectors may be required to increase the effectiveness of the system. A completion date of September 30, 1980 for all fire detector related installation and testing has now been established.

Please contact us if you have any questions relating to our revised schedule for completing this modification.

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