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January 25, 2018

Mr. Christopher Church  
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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT—NRC SECURITY BASELINE  
INSPECTION REPORT 05000263/2017406; INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL  
STORAGE SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 05000263/2017403;  
07200058/2017401

Dear Mr. Church:

On December 14, 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security inspection at your Monticello Nuclear Plant. On December 15, 2017, the inspectors discussed the results of this inspection with Mr. Scott and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

The inspectors documented one self-revealed finding of very-low security significance (Green) in this report. This finding involved a violation of NRC requirements. The NRC is treating this violation as Non-Cited Violation consistent with Section 2.3.2.a of the Enforcement Policy.

One cross-cutting aspect was assigned to the above finding in the area of Human Performance—Teamwork. Specifically, individuals and work groups communicate and coordinate their activities within and across organizational boundaries to ensure nuclear safety is maintained

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

Sincerely,

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Steven K. Orth, Chief  
Plant Support Branch  
Division of Reactor Safety

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