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January 14, 2019

Mr. Christopher Church
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SUBJECT: MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT—NRC SECURITY BASELINE
INSPECTION REPORT 05000263/2018411

Dear Mr. Church:

On November 30, 2018, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a Security Inspection at your Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant and the NRC inspector discussed the results of this inspection with you and other members of your staff. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

Two NRC-identified findings of very-low security significance (Green) are documented in this report. These findings involved violations of NRC requirements. The NRC is treating these violations as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs) consistent with Section 2.3.2.a of the Enforcement Policy.

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Two cross-cutting aspects were assigned to the above findings in the area of Human Performance – Avoid Complacency and Consistent Process. Specifically, your staff failed to recognize and plan for the possibility of mistakes, latent issues, and inherent risk, even while expecting successful outcomes and failed to use a consistent, systematic approach to make decisions.

If you disagree with a cross-cutting aspect assignment or a finding not associated with a regulatory requirement in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III; 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/

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

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