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

Inspection Report 50-263/84026(DRS) was forwarded to us with your letter of April 11, 1985. A response to two items of noncompliance and two unresolved items was requested within 30 days. The purpose of this letter is to request an extension on the time allowed for responding to this inspection report.

We request an extension until May 24, 1985 for providing our response to Inspection Report 50-263/84026(DRS). The reasons for requiring this extension are as follows:

- a. The Monticello plant has been shut down this week for a maintenance outage. The plant technical staff has been heavily involved in preparing for and participating in this outage.
- b. Containment leakage rate testing, including interpretation and implementation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, are among the most complex technical issues we must deal with. The 30-day response period, which is adequate for responding to most noncompliance items and unresolved items, does not provide sufficient response time to address these issues.

Please contact me if you have any questions related to our request for additional time to respond to Inspection Report 50-263/84026(DRS).

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