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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Ladies/Gentlemen:

Docket 50-305
Operating License DPR-43
Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant
Reactor Protection and Engineered Safety Features Upgrade Project (TAC NO. MA5396)

Reference: Letter dated January 7, 2000, from Tae Kim, USNRC, to M.L. Marchi, WPSC.

In the referenced letter the NRC provided WPSC with its preliminary review of the Westinghouse E-3 system. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) had proposed replacing the reactor protection system (RPS) and engineered safety feature (ESF) process protection and relay cabinets at the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant with the Westinghouse E-3 system. The purpose of this letter is to notify the NRC Staff of an indefinite delay of this project.

On February 11, 2000, Westinghouse Electric Company informed WPSC that it was no longer going to support development of the E-3 system. Since Westinghouse has chosen to stop development of this system, it is impossible for WPSC to pursue the proposed design change.

WPSC is grateful for the support exhibited by the NRC staff towards this project. WPSC also apologizes for the unnecessary staff review due to circumstances beyond the control of WPSC.

Please contact Mr. David Ozarowicz, PE (920-388-8640) or Mr. Gerald Riste (920-388-8424) of my staff should you have any other questions.

Sincerely,


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