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Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 AND 50-301
SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO
NOTICE OF VIOLATION EA 96-273
INSPECTION REPORTS 50-266/96006 (DRP); 50-301/96006 (DRP)
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

In a letter from Mr. James L. Caldwell dated September 5, 1996, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission forwarded the results of a routine safety inspection performed by Messrs. T. Kobetz and A. McMurtray from June 12, 1996, through August 8, 1996. An enforcement conference was held on September 12, 1996, regarding the issues raised in this inspection report. During that meeting we made the following commitment associated with Operations shift staffing:

> Operations Conduct: We will increase Operations staffing to support a normal shift makeup of three senior reactor operators, four reactor operators and four auxiliary operators by December 31, 1998.

Given a six-shift rotation, this commitment would require 18 senior reactor operators, 24 reactor operators and 24 auxiliary operators.

In a letter dated December 2, 1998 (NPL 98-0996) we provided an update on the progress we had made with our hiring and training efforts since the September 12, 1996, enforcement conference. At that time we noted that we had satisfied our commitment for on-shift staffing for licensed Senior Reactor Operators and Auxiliary Operators. However, we also advised that we would not meet our commitment to have 24 licensed Reactor Operators on shift by the end of 1998. We revised that commitment and stated that we would achieve the increased Reactor Operator shift staffing level approximately two years later than originally planned, or by December 31, 2000.

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I am pleased to state that we have now completely satisfied our normal shift staffing commitments. The Point Beach licensed operator class for 2000 has completed the NRC exam process. This resulted in 12 individuals receiving operating licenses, five Reactor Operators and seven Senior Reactor Operators. As of January 1, 2001, the Operations Group will have 23 on shift Senior Reactor Operators, 26 on shift Reactor Operators and 24 on shift Auxiliary Operators. This completes our normal shift makeup commitment as noted above.

If you have any questions or require additional information on this issue, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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