

January 31, 2001

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SUBJECT: POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - SCHEDULE FOR
ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS FOR IMPROVED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
(TAC NOS. MA7186 AND MA7187)

Dear Mr. Reddemann:

By application dated November 15, 1999, the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCo) submitted a request to convert the current Technical Specifications (TSs) for Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, to improved TSs (ITS). WEPCo was subsequently succeeded by Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC), as the licensed operator of Point Beach, Units 1 and 2. By letter dated October 5, 2000, NMC requested the staff to continue to process and disposition licensing actions previously docketed and requested by WEPCo.

The November 15, 1999, application projected issuance of the ITS amendment by spring of 2001. However, as discussed with Mr. Jack Gadzala of your staff on January 25, 2001, delays in the submittal and review process have extended the projected issuance date. These delays include the following: (1) delays in licensee responses to NRC requests for additional information, (2) a large number of beyond-scope items unique to Point Beach, which are required to be reviewed separately from the main sections of the ITS, including two significant beyond-scope items (the core operating limits report and the pressure temperature limits report), and (3) changes in staff assigned to the ITS project early on in the review process.

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As a result of the delays, the date of issuance for the Point Beach ITS amendment is now projected to be August 6, 2001. During the call on January 25, 2001, we were assured by your staff that an August 6, 2001, issuance date would not negatively impact your plans for implementing the Point Beach ITS.

If you have any questions regarding the above schedule, please call me at (301) 415-1355.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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