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Ladies/Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 AND 50-301
REACTOR COOLANT PUMP FLYWHEEL INSPECTION INTERVAL CHANGE
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

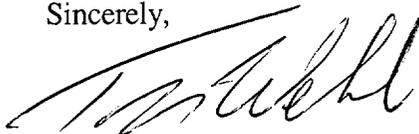
Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) Units 1 and 2 intend to change the Reactor Coolant Pump (RCP) flywheel inspection frequency to a 10-year interval. The change is consistent with the rationale discussed in Westinghouse WCAP-14535A, "Topical Report on Reactor Coolant Pump Flywheel Inspection Elimination." The change is also consistent with NRC acceptance of the WCAP as documented in a safety evaluation dated September 12, 1996 (B. W. Sheron to S. C. Jain of Duquesne Light Company).

The examination will consist of an ultrasonic examination over the volume from the inner bore of the flywheel to the circle one-half of the outer radius or a surface examination (MT and/or PT) of exposed surfaces of the removed flywheels once every 10 years for each RCP.

We have incorporated the frequency requirements relating to this change into Improved Technical Specification Section 5.5.6, which was approved via NRC safety evaluation dated August 8, 2001.

In support of this change, as required by the NRC safety evaluation, dated September 12, 1996, PBNP has verified that the Unit 1 and 2 RCP flywheels are fabricated using SA 533 Grade B material. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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