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Ladies/Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 AND 50-301
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT
NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE
DATA SYSTEM UNAVAILABILITY

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50 Appendix E.VI.3.b., this letter provides notification that the Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) Emergency Response Data System (ERDS) will be removed from service on November 26, 2001, and returned to service on or about December 18, 2001.

This information was previously communicated to Mr. John Jolicoeur of your staff by Mr. William Yarosz of Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) during a telephone conversation during the week of October 15, 2001. This information was also communicated to a representative of the Region III Emergency Preparedness staff earlier this month.

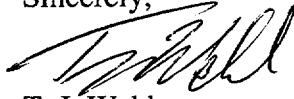
This written notification is being belatedly submitted as our staff did not recognize that written confirmation of the verbal notification was necessary to fulfill the requirements of 10 CFR 50 Appendix E.VI.3.b.

The PBNP plant process computer system is being replaced. We determined that changes in the computer modem software protocol have been necessary. Replacement of the plant process computers, however, will not change the transmitted data points contained in the ERDS Data Point Library. Accordingly, a follow-up written notification is not required following completion of the modification.

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When ERDS becomes inoperable, we will be submitting an 8-hour non-emergency report in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.72. There is no corresponding requirement contained in 10 CFR 50.73 so a follow-up licensee event report is not required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. J. Webb', written over a horizontal line.

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