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Docket No. 50-305

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Dear Mr. Giesler:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1, to conduct an annual emergency preparedness exercise. The Exemption permits a one-time exemption as requested in your letters dated June 24 and August 17, 1982.

The Exemption is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
 Division of Licensing

Enclosure:
 1. Exemption

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE
 CORPORATION

(Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant)

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EXEMPTION

I.

The Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (the licensee) holds Operating License No. DPR-43, which authorizes operation of the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant (the facility). This license provides, among other things, that it is subject to all rules, regulations and Orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

The facility is a pressurized water reactor located in Kewaunee County, Wisconsin.

II.

Section IV.F.1 of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50 requires each licensee of a nuclear power facility to conduct an annual emergency preparedness exercise.

The licensee's letters of June 24 and August 17, 1982, to Harold R. Denton, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, requested a one-time exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.1, which provision requires conduct of an annual emergency preparedness exercise. The licensee is unable to meet the annual exercise requirement because of major scheduling constraints experienced by the facility and by the State of Wisconsin, Division of Emergency Government (DEG). These constraints are further set forth in licensee's letter of August 17, 1982. As a result, the next exercise has been tentatively scheduled for November 1, 1983, to allow for the full-scale participation of all parties.

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The last full-scale emergency preparedness exercise at Kewaunee was held on February 23, 1982. That exercise demonstrated an acceptable level of preparedness by the Kewaunee staff. During the interim period to November 1, 1983, upgraded facilities are to be completed and used in appropriate drills and training. It is the staff's view that the most effective and beneficial annual exercises are those involving the full-scale participation of State and local governmental organizations and the DEG is unable to meet the schedule called for by Section IV.F.1 Appendix E to 10 CFR 50. We have considered the results of the last exercise and the improvements to be completed before the next exercise and find that a one-time delay in performing the annual emergency preparedness at Kewaunee. Based on the above evaluation, the staff concludes that a one-time exemption will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

Based on our evaluation, we conclude that the licensee's request for a one-time exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50 Appendix E, Section IV.F.1 should be granted.

III.

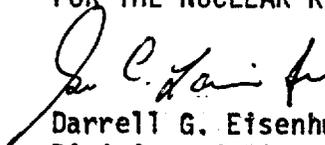
Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, an exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest.

The NRC staff has determined that the granting of this exemption will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

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For further details with respect to this action see (1) the licensee's request dated June 24, 1982, as supplemented August 17, 1982, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and at the Kewaunee Public Library, 822 Juneau Street, Kewaunee, Wisconsin 54216.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Licensing

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this 15th day of October, 1982