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Docket No. 50-301

Wisconsin Electric Power Company  
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ATTN: Mr. Sol Burstein  
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Gentlemen:

The Commission has requested the Office of the Federal Register to publish the enclosed Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment to the Facility Operating License for Point Beach Nuclear Plant Unit No. 2. The proposed amendment would revise the Technical Specifications to eliminate the fuel residence time limit and alter the core power distribution limits to allow operation of Point Beach Unit No. 2 in core Cycle 4. The action proposed is in accordance with your application for amendment dated December 9, 1976.

Sincerely,

George Lear, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #3  
Division of Operating Reactors

Enclosure:  
Federal Register Notice

cc w/enclosure:  
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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-301

WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

WISCONSIN MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT

TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-27 issued to Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Michigan Power Company (the licensees), for operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 2, located in the Town of Two Creeks, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

The amendment would revise the Technical Specifications to eliminate the fuel residence time limit and alter the core power distribution limits to allow operation of Point Beach Unit No. 2 in core Cycle 4.

Prior to issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations.

By February 9, 1977, the licensees may file a request for a hearing and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in the form of a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license. Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed under oath or affirmation in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.714 of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations. A petition for leave to intervene must set forth the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, and

the petitioner's contentions with respect to the proposed licensing action. Such petitions must be filed in accordance with the provisions of this FEDERAL REGISTER notice and Section 2.714, and must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, by the above date. A copy of the petition and/or request for a hearing should be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to Mr. Bruce Churchill, Esq., Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge, 1800 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036, the attorney for the licensees.

A petition for leave to intervene must be accompanied by a supporting affidavit which identifies the specific aspect or aspects of the proceeding as to which intervention is desired and specifies with particularity the facts on which the petitioner relies as to both his interest and his contentions with regard to each aspect on which intervention is requested. Petitions stating contentions relating only to matters outside the Commission's jurisdiction will be denied.

All petitions will be acted upon by the Commission or licensing board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Timely petitions will be considered to determine whether a hearing should be noticed or another appropriate order issued regarding the disposition of the petitions.

In the event that a hearing is held and a person is permitted to intervene, he becomes a party to the proceeding and has a right to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing. For example, he may present evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 9, 1976, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point Library, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481. The license amendment and the Safety Evaluation, when issued, may be inspected at the above locations and a copy may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 3 day of January 1977.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Lear".

George Lear, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #3  
Division of Operating Reactors

DETERMINATION OF PROPOSED LICENSING AMENDMENT

Licensee: Wisconsin Electric Power Company

Request for: Changes to the Point Beach Unit No. 2 Technical Specifications  
to allow operation in core Cycle 4.

Request Date: December 9, 1976


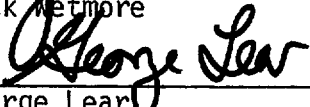
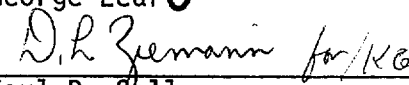
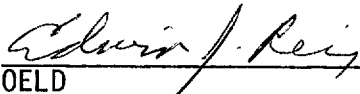
Proposed Noticing Action: (x) Pre-notice Recommended

Basis for Decision: The requested changes to the Technical Specifications would eliminate the fuel residence time limit and alter the core power distribution limits to allow operation of Point Beach Unit No. 2 in core Cycle 4. The requested changes would result in a significant reduction in the safety margin previously available; thus a significant hazards consideration is involved per RLOP-601. Therefore, a pre-notice is appropriate.

Proposed NEPA Action: (x) No EIS, ND, or EIA required

Basis for Decision: The requested changes would not significantly change the types and amounts of effluents or increase the authorized power level, nor would there be a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, per RLOP-601, no EIS, ND, or EIA is required.

Noticing Concurrences

1.  12/21/76  
Jack Wetmore Date
2.  12/21/76  
George Lear Date
3.  12/28/76  
Karl R. Goller Date
4.  12/27/76  
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