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Docket No. 50-266

Mr. C. W. Fay
Assistant Vice President
Wisconsin Electric Power Company
231 West Michigan Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Mr. Fay:

Enclosed is an approved Exemption dated January 25, 1983, which exempts you from the scheduler requirements of paragraph (c)(3)(iii) of 10 CFR Part 50.44 for installation of reactor coolant system (RCS) high point gas vents for Point Beach Nuclear Plant Unit No. 1. This Exemption is in response to your request dated June 18, 1982. Additional information supporting your requested exemption was obtained from your submittals of April 26, 1982 and July 20, 1982 concerning implementation schedules for NUREG-0737 items and from your letter of December 17, 1982.

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In your submittals you state that the control panels necessary for remote operation of the RCS gas vent system for Point Beach Unit 1 will not arrive in time to meet the rule. You further state that the RCS gas vent system valves and piping are installed and have been hydrostatically tested and, if needed, the system could be made operational using temporary power supplies (not class 1E). To preclude inadvertent operation of the system you state that you have not connected power to the isolation valves. This is consistent with the NRC staff's position.

A copy of the Exemption is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Robert A. Clark

Robert A. Clark, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #3
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In your submittals you state that the RCS gas vent system valves and piping for Point Beach Unit No. 1 are installed and have been hydrostatically tested. You also state that power has been removed from the power operated solenoid isolation valves to prevent inadvertent operation of this system.

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We understand from discussions with members of your staff that the RCS gas vent system valves and piping are for Point Beach Unit No. 1 are installed and have been hydrostatically tested. It is also our understanding that manual valves upstream of the vent valves are presently closed to prevent inadvertent operation of this system.

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Unit No. 1

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

WISCONSIN ELECTRIC
POWER COMPANY

(Point Beach Nuclear Plant
Unit 1)

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EXEMPTION

I.

Wisconsin Electric Power Company (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-24 (the license) which authorizes operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1 (the facility) at a steady state reactor power level not in excess of 1518 megawatts thermal. The facility consists of a Westinghouse Electric Corporation designed pressurized water reactor (PWR) located at the licensee's site in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

The license is subject to all rules, regulations and Orders of the Commission.

II.

10 CFR 50.44(c)(3)(iii) requires a licensee to provide each light-water nuclear power reactor with high point vents for the reactor coolant system, for the reactor vessel head, and for other systems required to maintain adequate core cooling if the accumulation of non-condensable gases would cause the loss of function of these systems. Required modifications are to be completed by the end of the first scheduled outage of sufficient duration beginning after July 1, 1982.

By letter dated June 18, 1982, the licensee requested an exemption to the scheduler requirements of Paragraph (c)(3)(iii) of 10 CFR Part 50.44. The licensee requests that it be granted an exemption until no later than

January 1, 1984 to install the reactor coolant system and reactor vessel head high point vents for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1.

The licensee has stated that the control panels necessary to permit complete remote operation of the reactor coolant gas vent system for Point Beach Unit No. 1 were not available for installation during the Fall 1982 annual refueling outage for this unit. The Fall 1982 refueling outage was the first scheduled outage of sufficient duration after July 1, 1982 to permit installation of the reactor coolant gas vent system at Point Beach Unit 1. The licensee has further stated that the Point Beach Unit No. 1 reactor coolant gas vent system valves and piping are installed and have been hydrostatically tested. Manual valves upstream of the vent valves are closed to preclude inadvertent operation of system.

The licensee has further stated that temporary power supplies could be utilized to operate the reactor vessel head vent in the event of an accident occurring before final installation is completed. The existing Power Operated Relief Valves form the pressurizer high point vent portion of the system. These are fully operable.

Delivery of the control panels necessary to permit remote operation of the reactor coolant vents system is expected in the Spring of 1983. The next scheduled outage for Point Beach Unit No. 1 is the Fall 1983 annual refueling outage. Final hookup and functional system testing will be accomplished during this outage.

The NRC staff has reviewed the basis for an exemption to the RCS vents schedule for Point Beach Unit No. 1. The licensee's efforts to minimize inadvertent actuation by removing power from the power operated solenoid isolation valves until construction is completed are warranted. Since the likelihood that vents would be needed prior to the completion of the vent system is low, the NRC staff concludes that a scheduler exemption to the hydrogen rule vents requirements (10 CFR 50.44(c)(3)(iii)) until the system controls are in-

stalled and fully tested, but no later than January 1, 1984, is reasonable and that the licensee's request for exemption should be granted.

III.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption requested by the licensee's letter of June 18, 1982, as discussed above, 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 requested exemption is hereby granted as follows:

The date specified in Paragraph (c)(3)(iii) of 10 CFR Part 50.44 to complete installation of reactor coolant system high point vents is extended to no later than January 1, 1984 for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Unit No. 1.

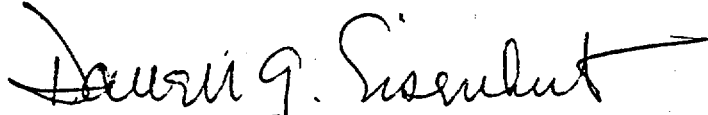
The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that (1) because the granting of this Exemption does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, does not create the possibility of an accident of a type different from any evaluated previously, and does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety, the Exemption does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the granting of this Exemption will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

The Commission has determined that the granting of this Exemption will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant

to 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.

This Exemption is effective upon issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Darrell G. Eisenhower", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Darrell G. Eisenhower, Director
Division of Licensing

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this
25th day of January, 1983.



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