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Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2
Clarification of Safety Evaluation, License Amendments 204 and 209
Technical Specification LCO 3.8.1, AC Sources - Operating (TAC Nos. MB5198 and MB5199)

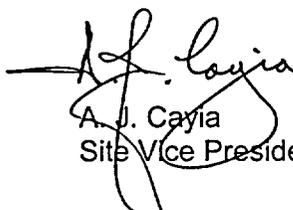
NRC issued Amendment 204 to Facility Operating License DPR-24 and Amendment 209 to Facility Operating License DPR-27 for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, respectively. The amendments consisted of changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) as requested in our submittal dated May 29, 2002, as clarified July 12, 2002. These amendments revised TS 3.8.1, AC Sources – Operating, to allow portions of surveillance requirement (SR) 3.8.1.5 to be performed with the unit in Mode 1, 2, 3 or 4.

The NRC safety evaluation (SE) related to these amendments contained references to 10 CFR 50, Appendix A, General Design Criteria (GDC) For Nuclear Power Plants. Specifically, the SE stated that power systems at Point Beach are designed to comply with the requirements of GDC-17 and GDC-18; and, that Point Beach design continues to meet the requirements of GDC-17. As discussed during a conference call between Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) representatives and NRC staff on September 19, 2002, Point Beach was licensed prior to publication of the GDC in 1971. As such, Point Beach is not licensed to GDC-17 and GDC-18.

The Point Beach Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR), Section 1.3, lists the plant-specific GDC to which the plant was licensed. The Point Beach GDC are similar in content to the draft GDC proposed for public comment in 1967. The Point Beach GDC for emergency power is Point Beach GDC-39. FSAR Section 8.0 contains details of the associated requirements.

During the September 19, 2002 conference call, NRC staff stated that there was no intent to imply that Point Beach is governed by GDC-17 and GDC-18. Rather, the staff used these two criteria as guidance in performing their evaluation of the proposed amendment. NRC staff acknowledged that Point Beach is bound by Point Beach GDC-39 for emergency power rather than GDC-17 and GDC-18.

This letter serves to document the September 19, 2002 conference call.


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