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This is in regard to the application to extend the operating licenses for Point Beach Nuclear Plant by 20 years, each.

Point Beach has provided over 20% of the electrical power for Wisconsin Electric Power Company since the early 1970s. If the licenses are NOT extended, it will be almost impossible to replace that generating capacity by the end of the present licenses. New coal plants are being proposed for southeast Wisconsin but are vigorously opposed by local residents. Wind generators are also planned but nowhere near 1000 megawatts. New natural gas plants are under construction. However, these are presumable "peaking" plants not base-load as is Point Beach. Further, an article in the June 14 Wall Street Journal points out that not only is natural gas becoming very expensive but that the availability is in question. To quote: "The underlying demand from the power sector is such that you are always going to be strained to meet the demand on the supply side".

The Wisconsin transmission system is generally considered inadequate to import large amounts of power and new lines are planned but are also opposed by many residents.

The bottom line is that unless the Point Beach operating licenses are extended, a significant power shortage will result in Wisconsin.

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