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This letter is being written in support of the application submitted by Nuclear Management Company (NMC) on behalf of We Energies to renew the operating license for the two nuclear reactors at the Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant in Two Creeks, WI. This license renewal would allow for 20 additional years of operation beyond the 40-year initial license.

These reactors supply about one-sixth of all of Wisconsin's electrical power and roughly 24% of all We Energies total generation. Outokumpu Copper Valleycast LLC (OCV) is the largest electrical user in this area and obviously relies heavily upon We Energies ability to consistently and reliably deliver electrical power to support our operations. As a domestic manufacturing company, OCV requires also that the electrical power be at an economical price to allow us to compete with foreign competition. We are concerned that without this license renewal, the consistency, reliability, and economic price of the electrical power will be very difficult to deliver, and will put our operations in jeopardy. We hold the same concerns for the other businesses and households in Wisconsin.

OCV considers We Energies to be a responsible supply partner deserving of our trust and deserving of this license renewal. We are confident in their ability to continue their safe track record of managing these nuclear reactors. Again, we urge your approval of their application.

Thank you,



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