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WATER REACTOR

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MEETING REPORT

Date: November 4, 2004

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Place: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
One White Flint North Building, Room O-10-B4
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Purpose: To discuss decommissioning status, schedule, activities, and future challenges at the La Crosse facility.

Attendees: See Attachment A

Discussion:

The NRC Project Manager opened the meeting. A representative of Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) presented an overview of the site history and decommissioning progress since shutdown. DPC also discussed current and future decommissioning challenges, which include spent fuel management, unavailability of low-level waste and high-level waste disposal options, and an aging workforce at the La Crosse facility. DPC is currently considering options for removal and disposal of the reactor vessel and dry storage of spent fuel.

Attachments:

- A. Meeting Attendees
- B. Dairyland Power Cooperative Presentation

Enclosure