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Enclosure 2

14.0 EXEMPTIONS AND SPECIAL AUTHORIZATIONS

14.1 AUTHORIZATIONS

In the application, WEC requested a number of special authorizations and exemptions.

14.1.1 AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE CHANGES TO LICENSE COMMITMENTS

(a) Changes Requiring Prior Approval

WEC shall not make changes to the license application that decrease the effectiveness of commitments, without prior NRC approval. For these changes, WEC will submit to the NRC, for review and approval, an application to amend the license. Such changes will not be implemented until approval is granted.

(b) Changes Not Requiring Prior Approval

Upon documented completion of an ISA for a facility or process, as described in Chapter 4.0 of this license application, WEC may make changes in the facility or process as presented in the application, or conduct tests or activities not presented in the application, without prior NRC approval, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. There is no degradation in the safety commitments in the application.
- 2. The change, test, or activity does not impair WEC's ability to meet all applicable Federal regulations.
- 3. The change, test, or activity does not conflict with any condition specifically stated in the license.

Records of such changes shall be maintained, including technical justification and management approval, in dedicated datapacks, to enable NRC inspection upon request at the facility. A report containing a description of each such change, and appropriate revised pages to the application, shall be submitted to the NRC within three months of implementing the change.

The NRC staff determined that this authorization is in accordance with 10 CFR 70.72 and is acceptable.

14.1.2 AUTHORIZATION FOR LEAK-TESTING SEALED PLUTONIUM SOURCES

WEC requested authorization to perform leak-testing of sealed plutonium sources in accordance with a procedure specified in the application. The NRC staff determined that this authorization is in accordance with NRC regulations, including 10 CFR 20.1501 and 10 CFR 70.56, and good industry practice, and is acceptable.