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Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
ATTN: Mr. E. W. James, Senior Vice President
Power Generation and Engineering
P. O. Box 1200
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305

Docket No. 50-305

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letters dated September 12 and October 2, 1973, informing us of the steps you have taken to correct the violation which we brought to your attention in our letter dated August 29, 1973. We will examine these matters during our next inspection.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

James G. Keppler
Regional Director

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10-2-73:

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WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION



P.O. Box 1200, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305

September 12, 1973

U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Directorate of Regulatory Operations,
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Attention: Mr. James G. Keppler
Regional Director

Dear Sir:

Reference: Docket 50-305

- (a) Letter Mr. E. W. James to Dr. D. F. Knuth dated 8/22/73
- (b) Letter Mr. B. H. Grier to Mr. E. W. James dated 8/29/73

This letter is in response to reference (b) above indicating an apparent non-conformance due to Wisconsin Public Service Corporation not submitting a written report on the safety injection pump motor deficiency within the required 30 day period.

As noted in reference (a) we were informed by letter dated July 9, 1973, that our pump motors would be modified or replaced due to test results on similar motors which showed that the motors would not meet the requirement of starting at 80% of normal voltage. We considered this to be our official notification that our pump motors were classed as deficient and, therefore, a reportable incident. We agree, we did not submit the report within the required 30 days which would have been due August 9, but we did verbally inform Region III that our report would be late and we were subsequently told that would be adequate.

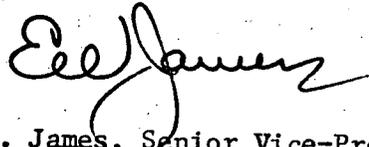
We further wish to reiterate that we did not consider the March 27, 1973, letter from Westinghouse as being the official notification of our pump motors being deficient since the letter did not specifically state that our motors were deficient but did specifically address itself to the motors at another facility. Furthermore, we had tested the original pump motors in April under adverse conditions. The diesel was unloaded when the pump was put on the diesel bus. The pump started, stayed on the line and operated normally.

We agreed to the modification of our motors, not because ours were deficient since the test results showed the contrary, but as part of the upgrading program which Wisconsin Public Service has adhered to during the construction of the Kewaunee Plant. We believed that since similar motors had indicated a deficiency to start at 80% of normal voltage, we would take necessary corrective action at this time rather than at some later date.

We plan to test the new motors under the same conditions as the original motors and are confident that our results will be satisfactory.

We hope this response satisfactorily answers your concern outlined in reference (b) above.

Very truly yours,



E. W. James, Senior Vice-President
Power Generation & Engineering

EWJ:sna

cc - Dr. D. F. Knuth

WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION



P.O. Box 1200, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305

October 2, 1973

U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Directorate of Regulatory Operations,
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Attention: Mr. James G. Keppler
Regional Director

Dear Sir:

Reference: Docket 50-305

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- (c) Letter E. W. James to Mr. J. G. Keppler dated 9/12/73

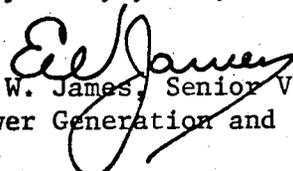
This letter is to supercede the letter identified as reference (c) above.

This letter is in response to reference (b) above indicating an apparant non-conformance due to Wisconsin Public Service Corporation not submitting a written report on the safety-injection pump motor deficiency within the required 30 day period.

As noted in reference (a) we were informed by letter dated July 9, 1973, that the WPS pump motors would be modified or replaced due to test results on similar motors which showed that the motors would not meet the requirements of starting at 80% of normal voltage. We agree that the written incident report in response to 10 CFR 50.55(e) was not submitted within the 30 day reporting period. This was due in part to awaiting full evaluation report prior to reporting.

Corrective action has been taken to avoid similar reoccurrences by submitting a directive to project supervisors, containing copies of the requirements of 10 CFR 50.55(e) and identifying reporting mechanisms.

Very truly yours,


E. W. James, Senior Vice President
Power Generation and Engineering

EWJ:mem

cc - Mr. I. Nelson
Mr. C. W. Giesler
Mr. E. R. Mathews
Mr. L. O. Ramsett

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