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Ladies/Gentlemen:

Docket 50-305  
Operating License DPR-43  
Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant  
Response to an Apparent Violation in Inspection Report No. 50-305/97006

References: (1) Letter from G. E. Grant (NRC) to M. L. Marchi (WPSC) dated June 9, 1997  
(NRC Integrated Inspection Report 50-305/97005 and Notice of Violation).

(2) Letter from M. L. Marchi (WPSC) to Document Control Desk dated July 7,  
1997 (Reportable Occurrence 97-007-00)

In reference (1), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) provided Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) with the results of the NRC inspection activities conducted March 31 through May 12, 1997.

During the inspection, NRC identified an apparent violation. The potential violation concerned a design error that degraded the capability of the reactor vessel level indication system to accurately measure water level. Operability of this accident monitoring instrument is required by Technical Specification 3.5.e.

Attached is our response to the apparent violation. If you should have any questions with regard to this response, please contact me or a member of my staff for clarifications.

Sincerely,

*Clark R. Steinhardt*

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Senior Vice President - Nuclear Power

GRT  
Attach.

cc: US NRC Senior Resident Inspector  
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Subscribed and sworn to  
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