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Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant

Additional Information Regarding Proposed Technical Specification Amendment Request No. 144 For the Laser Welded Repair of Westinghouse HEJ Sleeved Steam Generator Tubes

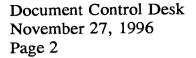
References: 1) Letter from Clark R. Steinhardt (WPSC) to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated September 6, 1996.

- 2) Letter from Richard J. Laufer (NRC) to Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) dated October 18, 1996.
- 3) Letter from Richard J. Laufer (NRC) to M.L. Marchi (WPSC) dated October 25, 1996.
- 4) Letter from M.L. Marchi (WPSC) to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated October 31, 1996.
- 5) Letter from M.L. Marchi (WPSC) to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated November 7, 1996.
- 6) Letter from M.L. Marchi (WPSC) to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated November 15, 1996.

By letter dated September 6, 1996, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) submitted a Technical Specification (TS) amendment request to allow laser welded repair (LWR) of Westinghouse hybrid expansion joint (HEJ) sleeved steam generator (SG) tubes. WPSC discussed this proposed TS amendment request with the NRC staff in a meeting on October 10, 1996. By letter dated October 25, 1996, the NRC staff requested additional information (RAI) in order to complete their review of the proposed TS amendment request. By letters dated October 31, 1996, November 7, 1996, and November 15, 1996, WPSC responded to the RAI request.

Starting on November 14, 1996, WPSC initiated a performance demonstration of the LWR process. As a result of this performance demonstration a number of improvements were made to the LWR process. Two of these changes affect information that is currently under review by the

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NRC staff. Attachment 1 to this submittal describes the results of the performance demonstration and the changes made to the LWR process and inspection technique. Attachment 2 contains a copy of the pages that will be revised in WCAP-14685, "Laser Welded Repair of Hybrid Expansion Joint Sleeves for Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant" to describe the process changes; and Attachment 3 contains the qualification data package for the mag-bias +point probe. As discussed with the NRC staff, additional information on the methodology for dispositioning weld indications will be provided in the very near future. The changes described in this submittal do not alter the previously submitted proposed TS pages, the safety evaluation or significant hazards determination.

WPSC appreciates the high priority that the NRC staff has placed on reviewing this proposed TS amendment request and is willing to meet with the NRC to discuss the information provided in this submittal. Please contact a member of my staff if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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M. L. Marchi Manager - Nuclear Business Group

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cc - US NRC Region III US NRC Senior Resident Inspector