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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Point Beach Nuclear Plant Unit 2
Docket 50-301
Renewed License No. DPR-27

10 CFR 50.55a Request
Relief Request 2-RR-7
Re-Categorization of Unit 2 Steam Generator Nozzle to Safe-End Welds

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(F)(2), NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC (NextEra) requests that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) allow the re-categorization of the four (4) steam generator nozzle dissimilar metal welds installed in Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) Unit 2.

Due to the June 21, 2011 rulemaking change to 10CFR50.55a [FR36232 Volume 76, Number 119], the primary Steam Generator (SG) nozzle to safe-end welds were required to have a baseline inspection performed in the first outage following August 22, 2011. The rulemaking required the use of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code (BPVC) Code Case N-770-1 with conditions specified in 10CFR50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(F). NextEra is requesting the dissimilar metal weld categorization change to reflect the actual weld profile rather than the default A-2 and B assignment under the new rule.

NextEra requests approval of this request by December 31, 2014. The proposed alternative categorization for the Unit 2 SG nozzle dissimilar metal welds (inlet and outlet) will be a permanent change to the PBNP ISI Program for the duration of the extended license.

This letter contains no new Regulatory Commitments or revisions to existing Regulatory Commitments.

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If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Michael Millen, Licensing Manager, at 920/755-7845.

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this submittal has been provided to the designated Wisconsin Official.

Very truly yours,

NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Meyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "M".

Larry Meyer
Site Vice President

Enclosure

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