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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-301

WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF GRANTING OF RELIEF FROM ASME SECTION XI
INSERVICE INSPECTION (TESTING) REQUIREMENTS

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted relief from certain requirements of the ASME Code, Section XI, "Rules for Inservice Inspection of Nuclear Power Plant Components" to Wisconsin Electric Power Company. The relief relates to the inservice inspection (testing) program for the Point Beach Unit No. 2 (the facility) located in Two Creeks, Wisconsin. The ASME Code requirements are incorporated by reference into the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Part 50. The relief is effective as of its date of issuance.

The relief consists of exemption from the requirements for measuring certain parameters in the Pump and Valve Testing Program and from performing certain pressure vessel weld inspections in the Inservice Inspection Testing Program.

The request for relief complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the letter granting relief. Prior public notice of this action was not required since the granting of this relief from ASME Code requirements does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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The Commission has determined that the granting of this relief will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with this action.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the request for relief dated February 26, 1979, (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated October 25, 1979.

The items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. and at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point Library, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481. A copy of item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 25th day of October, 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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