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Docket Nos. 50-266  
and 50-301



Mr. Sol Burstein  
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Wisconsin Electric Power Company  
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Dear Mr. Burstein:

On November 20, 1980 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission sent a letter to all power reactor licensees (except SEP licensees) regarding technical specification revisions for snubber surveillance. Your response, dated February 19, 1981, stated that you had reviewed the current Point Beach Technical Specifications against the material contained in our November 20, letter and found that they adequately addressed our concerns regarding hydraulic snubbers. You further stated you do not have any mechanical snubbers on safety related equipment at Point Beach.

Telephone conversations with members of your staff indicated that further information contained in the Point Beach Nuclear Plant procedures for hydraulic snubber surveillance would provide clarification of your response and help resolve our concerns.

By letter dated March 13, 1981, we formally requested a copy of your hydraulic snubber surveillance procedures and resolved the issue of mechanical snubbers for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant. You resolved to our request by letter dated March 24, 1981.

We have completed our review of your latest response and find that the following items remain unresolved. New requirements have eliminated the 50,000 lbs. rated capacity as the exemption limit for inservice snubbers testing. The NRC recognizes that you may not be able to test snubbers rated at 50,000 lbs. or greater to their full rated capacity. However, the NRC feels that all snubbers should be functionally tested to meet the acceptance criteria described in our standard technical specification, a copy of which is enclosed. Further, section 4.7.9.f of the new

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standard technical specifications requires the monitoring of service life for hydraulic snubbers based on the recommendations from suppliers. This information should be taken into consideration when the selection of snubbers for functional testing is made. It is recognized that service life is only an estimate. As verified by functional testing, it can be extended or modified.

Based on our review we conclude that in order to resolve this issue, a change to the Point Beach Nuclear Plant Technical Specifications is necessary. You are hereby requested to submit an application, within 60 days of receipt of this letter, for changes to the Point Beach Nuclear Plant Technical Specifications addressing the above concerns.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Clark, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #3  
Division of Licensing

Enclosure: As stated

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