

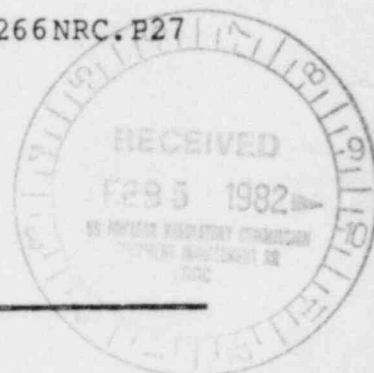
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board



Wisconsin Electric Power Company  
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 & 2  
Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301  
Operating License Amendment  
(Steam Generator Tube Sleaving Program)

WISCONSIN'S ENVIRONMENTAL DECADE MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Wisconsin's Environmental Decade moves the Atomic Safety Licensing Board for a continuance in scheduling final deadlines for discovery, determinations on litigative issues and hearings in the above-referenced proceeding until fall 1982.

This motion is made on the following grounds.

By letter dated January 15, 1982, the Licensee informed the Board that "full-scale steam generator tube sleaving for Point Beach Unit 2 [will not be performed until] the spring 1983 outage of that unit" and that "it is not contemplated that full-scale sleaving will be performed at Point Beach Unit 1."

On January 25, 1982, the Ginna Nuclear Plant experienced a sudden primary-to-secondary leakage through a steam generator tube of approximately 75 gallons per minute (compared to the license limitation of approximately 0.35 gallons per minute). Ginna has been described by the Licensee as a "sister" plant to Point Beach Unit 1, having the same model Westinghouse steam generator and a similar water chemistry history. It also has had

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a demonstration sleeving program similar to at Point Beach, albeit conducted by a different vendor. At this point in time, it is apparently unknown whether the leak was through either a tube which was sleeved or through a tube which was not itself sleeved but whose integrity was effected by the sleeving process.

Based upon these two new facts, it would appear, first, that need for administrative action on the application for a license amendment has been delayed by approximately one year and, second, that related events that have occurred and may occur in the future could make the factual basis for a premature decision on the license amendment outmoded by the time sleeving is actually undertaken at Point Beach Unit 2.

That is to say, especially in light of the fast breaking changes in tube repair technology and theories, a hearing held so far in advance of the contemplated action could very well be rendered irrelevant (as would a hearing held on Point Beach Unit 1 in the Licensee's original proposed time frame) or not sufficiently complete to consider critical new information.

When balanced against the fact that there is no necessity for an early ruling, it would appear to be in the public interest to continue this proceeding until a later date. To be clear, this motion does not contemplate any alteration in the present schedule for hearing the confidentiality issue.

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