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Mr. Benard C. Rusche, Director
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U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Rusche:

INSERVICE INSPECTION OF SAFETY CLASS COMPONENTS
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE REQUEST NO. 42
POINT BEACH MUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1

In accordance with Section 50.59 of 10 CFR 50, Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Michigan Power Company (Licensees) hereby request an amendment to Facility Operating License EPR-24 to incorporate changes to the Technical Specifications for Point Beach Nuclear Plant Unit Mo. 1. The attached changes to the Technical Specification are in compliance with Section 50.55a paragraph (g)(5) of 10 CFR 50 which requires amendment of the technical specifications to conform the specifications to the updated inservice inspection and testing programs for safety class components mandated by Section 50.55a.

On February 12, 1976, notice was published in the Federal Register of a revision to 10 CFR 50 Section 50.55a which changed the inservice inspection and testing requirements for nuclear power plant safety class components. Briefly, this revised regulation requires that all nuclear power facilities meet, to the extent practical, the inservice inspection requirements of Section XI of the ASHE Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, edition and addenda as specified in 50.55a paragraph (b). Licensees are required to update their inservice inspection program prior to each 40 month inservice inspection interval and update the pump and valve inservice testing program every 20 months. If conflicts exist between the ASHE Section XI code and the plant's technical specification, Licensees are required to submit a proposed amendment to the technical specifications for HRC approval at least six months prior to the start of the next inspection interval. Your letters of April 26, 1076 and November 22, 1975 provided further guidance on this subject and included sample technical specification language.

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Me are presently in the process of updating the inservice inspection program for Point Beach Muclear Plant Unit 1 to the 1974 edition Summer 1975 Addenda of the ASME Section XI code. As a result of this program update, and considering your guidance regarding sample technical specification language, we propose the following technical specification changes: (Revised pages are attached)

- 1. Specification 15.4.2.B. The existing section has been completely deleted and revised language which follows the HRC guidance has been substituted. Licensees have included specific language to confirm that all containment isolation valves shall be tested in accordance with the provisions of Appendix J to 10 CFR 50 "Primary Reactor Containment Leakage Testing for Water-Cooleded Power Reactors". We have also provided language to clarify that, per section 80.55a paragraph (g)(5)(iii), if the licensee has determined that conformance with a code requirement is impractical, licensee shall notify the Commission and submit information to support his determination.
  - Specification 13.4.5.II items A and B These items which specified certain pump and valve tests have been deleted as they are superseded by ASME Section XI valve and pump testing code requirements.
  - Specification 15.4.7 This specification on main steam stop valve periodic testing is superseded by ASME Section XI valve testing code requirements and has been deleted.
  - Specification 15.4.8 This specification on auxiliary feedwater purps periodic testing is superseded by ASME Section XI pump testing code requirements and has been deleted.
  - 5. Specification 15.6.9.a Item B of this specification required a one time review of the inservice inspection program at the end of the first five years of operation. This review has been done in connection with this mandatory update of the inservice inspection program. This requirement may thus be deleted.

As specified in 10 CFR Part 50, we are enclosing three signed originals and thirty-seven copies of this license amendment request and proposed technical specification change. The next 40 month inspection interval for Point Beach Unit 1 will begin on August 21, 1977. Our proposed inservice inspection and testing program shall be submitted at least 90 days prior to that date. Should you have any questions concerning these proposed technical specification changes, please contact us as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Executive Vice President

Sol Burstein

Attachments

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February, 1977.

Hotary Public, State of Misconsin

My commission expires January 15, 1978

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