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In the Matter of
Wisconsin Electric Power Company
(Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301

Dear Administrative Judges:

Licensee has reviewed the NRC Staff's "Safety Evaluation By The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Relating To Full Scale Steam Generator Tube Sleeving at Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2." The SER reflects several open items which relate to the brazed portion of the "alternate" upper joint design.

The Staff requests that Licensee submit additional information in response to Staff questions relating to fatigue adequacy at brazed joints where poor or minimal amounts of braze flow have been achieved,

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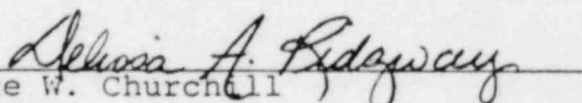
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and indicates its intent to issue an SER supplement which would include its findings on the matter. SER at pages 7, 26, 45. That SER supplement would also include the Staff's evaluation of the preservice hydrostatic test program for sleeves with brazed joints. SER at pages 35, 46. The Staff would also require that Licensee promptly notify the Staff of any finding of abnormal base metal degradation associated with fabrication of brazed joints, and that Licensee submit its proposed corrective actions to the Staff for review and approval prior to plant restart. SER at pages 30-31, 46. Finally, the Staff requests that Licensee commit to remove and examine two sleeved tubes with brazed joints after one year of operation following sleeve installation. SER at pages 34, 46.

Licensee believes that the "alternate" upper joint design is acceptable. Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting this proceeding, Licensee has determined that the "alternate" upper joint design will not be used in the sleeving program at Point Beach. Accordingly, it will not be necessary for Licensee to provide the information or make the commitments to the Staff discussed above, and it will not be necessary for the Staff to issue an SER supplement to address these items.

Respectfully submitted,

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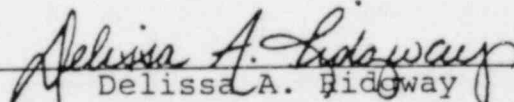
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on behalf of the NRC Staff, a copy of the NRC Staff's "Safety Evaluation By The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Relating To Full Scale Steam Generator Tube Sleeving at Point Beach Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2" was served upon

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