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Docket Nos. 50-266; 50-301
License Nos. DPR-24; DPR-27
NOED No. 94-3-003

Wisconsin Electric Power Company
ATTN: Mr. Robert E. Link
Vice President
Nuclear Power
231 West Michigan Street - P379
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Mr. Link:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION FOR WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER
COMPANY REGARDING THE POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2

By letter dated February 9, 1994, you requested the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to exercise its discretion not to enforce compliance with the required actions in Technical Specification (TS) 15.3.0. Your staff informed the NRC on February 8, 1994, that the Point Beach Nuclear Plant would not be able to restore either Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) G01 or G02 to operable status before having to comply with the requirement to place both units in Hot Shutdown within the next three hours. The 3-hour time limit would not allow sufficient time to perform the necessary G01 repairs to correct VAR fluctuations caused by the shorting of a cable assembly within the generator, or to return G02 to service from its annual preventive maintenance outage. You requested an additional 7 hours to place the first unit in Hot Shutdown and 10 hours to place the second unit in Hot Shutdown. You provided as justification for an outage time extension of approximately 7 hours, that during the additional time that both units would be operating at power, should a loss of offsite power occur with both EDGs out of service, the combustion turbine (G05) was operable and available to provide power to the required shutdown loads. In addition, with both units at normal operating temperature, steam generators and auxiliary feedwater would be available to remove decay heat. You also identified compensatory measures which included actions to protect the availability of off-site power, and the suspension of testing and maintenance activities with the potential to adversely affect G05 or plant status.

Based on our review of your justification, including the compensatory measures identified above, the staff concluded that extending the shutdown time did not significantly increase the risk to public health and safety. Integral to our decision was the increase in safety attained by alleviating a simultaneous dual unit shutdown during an off-shift and unnecessary thermal cycles on the plants.

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Therefore, this letter documents our verbal granting on February 8, 1994, of enforcement discretion with regard to Technical Specification 15.3.0 for the period from February 9, 1994 at 1:04 a.m. (CST) until February 9, 1994, at 8:00 a.m. (CST), with the subsequent requirement to place the first unit in Hot Shutdown by 11:00 a.m. (CST) and the second unit in Hot Shutdown by 2:00 p.m. (CST) if at least one EDG is not restored to operable status. Notwithstanding our granting of enforcement discretion, we will consider enforcement action, as appropriate, for the conditions that led to the need for this exercise of enforcement discretion.

Sincerely,

Original signed by E. G. Greenman

Edward G. Greenman, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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