

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

June 23, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: James P. Murray Office of Executive Legal Director

SUBJECT: WISCONSIN'S ENVIRONMENTAL DECADE, INC., REQUEST FOR A HEARING ON THE APRIL 4, 1980, POINT BEACH UNIT 1 ORDER

By petition dated May 29, 1980, Wisconsin's Environmental Decade, Inc. requested a hearing on the Order issued to Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Point Beach Unit 1 on April 4, 1980. That Order was a modification of the November 30, 1979 Order issued to Point Beach Unit 1 and it permitted the continued operation of the facility under the conditions imposed by the November 30 Order for an additional 90 effective full power days.

By Order dated May 12, 1980, the Commission referred Decade's request for a hearing on the November 30 Order to an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board for a determination of whether a hearing was required based on the principles set forth in the <u>Marble Hill</u> case. Because the recent Point Beach Order is essentially an extension of the previous one, we suggest that the latest Decade request for a hearing be forwarded to the Secretary with the recommendation that it also be sent to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board for consideration in conjunction with the prior Decade request.

I enclose a memorandum addressed to the Secretary of the Commission recommending consolidation of consideration of the two requests for a hearing. Should you have any questions, please call me.

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Enclosures: As Stated Request for Hearing

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