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Attention: Mr. Robert Samworth, Sr. Project Manager Project Directorate III-3

Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 AND 50-301 JULY 9, 1991, MEETING SUMMARY POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT

On September 11, 1991, we received your memo dated September 3, 1991, which documented our meeting with the NRC staff on July 9, 1991. At that meeting we discussed our planning for the installation of additional diesel generators at our Point Beach Nuclear Plant. This discussion included presentation of an estimated schedule for this diesel generator project. We were careful to qualify this schedule as tentative and noted that a detailed schedule estimate by our project vendor had not yet been prepared or reviewed. We are concerned that your summary of this meeting characterizes these tentative schedule estimates as an apparently firm commitment to complete this plant betterment project by a specified date. Your minutes further characterize our latest estimate as a slippage from the schedule provided at our September 5, 1990 meeting.

While we are firmly committed to proceeding with this project, we cannot at this time project a committed implementation schedule. We only recently received a detailed proposed schedule from our contractor and are currently reviewing and commenting on this proposal. As discussed at the meeting, we shall be providing you with a report addressing the final design as soon as it is available.

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We also acknowledge your determination that the installation of new diesel generators at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant will constitute an unreviewed safety question. NRC approval will, therefore, be necessary before we may proceed with actual plant modifications and installation. Your estimate of how much time we should allow in the project schedule for this NRC review and approval would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

James J. Zach Vice President Nuclear Power

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