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

SUBJECT: STATION BLACKOUT MODIFICATION, POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT,

UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M90613 AND M90614)

Dear Mr. Link:

The NRC safety evaluations dated October 3, 1990, and March 22, 1991, for Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) for the station blackout (SBO) rule stated that you needed to reevaluate the SBO coping duration after the installation of additional emergency diesel generators (EDGs). On September 22, 1994, you submitted that reevaluation. You are in compliance with the SBO rule by using the onsite gas turbine generator as an alternate ac (AAC) power source. You concluded that the new EDGs will provide additional flexibility for AAC power and emergency ac (EAC) power configurations.

In response to the NRC staff's concern regarding the EAC classification of group "A" (expressed during a telephone conference in December 1994), you agreed to reevaluate the EAC classification group and to revise its SBO evaluation as needed. By letter dated June 14, 1995, you submitted the revised SBO evaluation to address the staff's concerns. You changed the extremely severe weather (ESW) classification group for PBNP from "ESW4" to "ESW2" and, as a result, the SBO coping duration was reduced from 8 hours to 4 hours.

The staff's analysis is provided in the attached Safety Evaluation. On the basis of its review, the staff agrees with you that (1) the SBO coping duration at PBNP will be 4 hours (EAC classification group "C," EDG target reliability 0.95 or 0.975, and ESW classification group "ESW2") once the EDG modifications are completed (the new EDGs will provide additional flexibility for AAC power and EAC power configurations); and (2) without consideration of the new EDGs, the SBO coping duration will be 4 hours based on the change of ESW classification group from "ESW4" to "ESW2," EDG classification group "D," and EDG target reliability of 0.975.

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This completes the staff review under TACs M90613 and M90614. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this issue.

Sincerely,

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