



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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March 26, 1992

Docket No. 50-266
50-301

Mr. James J. Zach, Vice President
Nuclear Power Department
Wisconsin Electric Power Company
231 West Michigan Street, Room P379
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Mr. Zach:

SUBJECT: INSERVICE TESTING PROGRAM RELIEF REQUEST RE COMPONENT COOLING
WATER PUMP AND SERVICE WATER PUMP REFERENCE FLOW
(TAC NOS M82700 AND M82701)

By letter dated January 24, 1992, Wisconsin Electric Power Company submitted a request for relief to the Point Beach Nuclear Plant Inservice Testing Program. The relief request related to inservice testing of specified pumps which are tested using the normal operating system.

The Code of Federal Regulations, 10 CFR 50.55a(g), requires certain Class 1, 2, and 3 pumps and valves in water-cooled nuclear power facilities to meet the inservice testing requirements stated in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (Code), Section XI: specifically Subsection IWP, "inservice Testing of Pumps in Nuclear Power Plants," and Subsection IWV, "Inservice Testing of Valves in Nuclear Power Plants." Guidance on acceptable alternatives to Code requirements has been provided for certain aspects of inservice testing by NRC in Generic Letter 89-04. The basis for your relief request was that for specified pumps in certain systems in which temperature control sensors moderate flow, maintenance of a single specific reference flow value is not achievable.

Based on our review we find the proposed relief request to be acceptable pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii). The requirements to establish reference flows for the specified pumps would result in unusual difficulties without a compensating increase in the level of quality and safety. We have also determined that this

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

John N. Hannon, Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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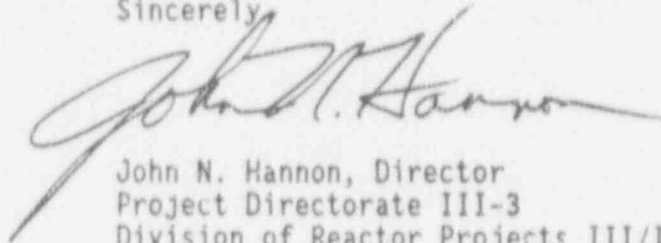
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