

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NOS. 50-266 AND 50-301

POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF

NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to the licenses and Technical Specifications for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin (Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-24 and DPR-27, respectively, issued to Wisconsin Electric Power Company, the licensee).

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Identification of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action would reflect the change in the name of the licensee from Wisconsin Electric Power Company to Wisconsin Energy Company.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment of the facility operating license dated October 23, 1995.

The Need for the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is needed to properly reflect corporate administrative changes in the license and Technical Specifications.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is administrative in nature only and will have no effect on the operation or maintenance of the facility whatsoever.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action:

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources:

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for Point Beach.

Agencies and Persons Consulted:

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 11, 1996, the staff consulted with the Wisconsin State official, Ms. Sarah Jenkins, of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated October 23, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Joseph P. Mann Library, 1516 Sixteenth Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of March 1996.

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