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Ladies/Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 AND 50-301
GENERIC LETTER 97-01, REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
EXTENSION OF RESPONSE PERIOD
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2
TAC NOS. M98586 AND M98587

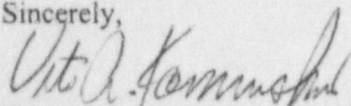
Wisconsin Electric, licensee for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP), provided its response to Generic Letter (GL) 97-01, "Degradation of CRDM/CEDM and Other Vessel Closure Head Penetrations," by letters dated April 30, 1997 and July 30, 1997. Our July 30, 1997, response indicated our participation in an integrated utility effort to address reactor vessel head penetration issues.

We received a request for additional information from the NRC staff dated September 2, 1998. The information requested related to our participation in the Westinghouse Owners' Group (WOG) integrated program to assess vessel head penetration nozzles at WOG member plants, and to the contents of Topical Report No. WCAP-14901, "Background and Methodology for Evaluation of Reactor Vessels Closure Head Penetration Integrity for Westinghouse Owners Group." A response was requested within 90 days, December 1, 1998, of the date of the letter.

Wisconsin Electric is participating with the NEI, EPRI, the Owner's groups and others in an ongoing cooperative effort to respond to the NRC request. It is our understanding, based on information provided by NEI, that the NRC staff has agreed to extend the response date to January 15, 1999, to allow additional time to incorporate industry generic response into the plant-specific response. Therefore, it is our intent to provide our response by January 15, 1999.

Please contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,


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