

December 30, 1997

Mr. Kenneth P. Powers
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Dear Mr. Powers:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF SCHEDULAR EXEMPTION FOR THE 1997 OFFSITE
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE (10 CFR PART 50, APPENDIX E,
SECTION IV.F.2.c) - BIG ROCK POINT NUCLEAR PLANT (TAC. NO. M99247)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted the enclosed exemption for a one-time 90-day schedular exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.c, to allow postponement of the 1997 biennial exercise to a date on or before March 31, 1998. We also acknowledge that you will provide to the NRC a revision to your proposed offsite exercise scenario to reflect the permanently shutdown and defueled condition of the Big Rock Point facility and that you will inform all parties involved of the delay planned for conduct of the offsite exercise.

This schedular exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health and safety, is consistent with the common defense and security, and meets the special circumstances described in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) and (v).

The Exemption has been forwarded to the *Office of the Federal Register* for publication and a copy is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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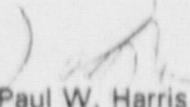
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