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Ladies/Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 AND 50-301
COMMITMENT UPDATE
NRC INSPECTION REPORTS 50-266/97016 AND 50-301/97016
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

By letter dated October 17, 1997, forwarded the results of an inspection conducted by your staff at our Point Beach Nuclear Plant from July 27 through September 8, 1997. The inspection report contained a Notice of Violation. Wisconsin Electric responded to the Notice by letter dated November 14, 1997.

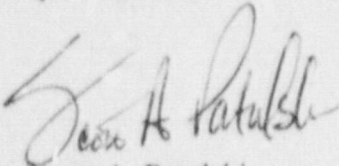
Violation 2 of the Notice documented two instances of Residual Heat Removal loop inoperability for reasons other than surveillance testing with reactor coolant temperature less than 140°F; a condition prohibited by Technical Specification 15.3.1.A.3.b. In response to this violation, Wisconsin Electric committed to submit a license amendment request incorporating appropriate provisions consistent with NUREG-1431 to resolve this prohibition. Our November 14, 1997, response also indicated that we expected to submit our request in January 1998.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that our submittal will be delayed beyond January 1998. It is our desire to submit a comprehensive and complete submittal that appropriately incorporates requirements for decay heat removal into the Point Beach Technical Specifications consistent with the industry standards delineated in NUREG-1431 for Westinghouse reactors and the Point Beach Nuclear Plant design bases. Due to the significance of this change, additional time is necessary to complete the submittal and the required administrative and technical reviews. We expect a draft of the proposed changes will be ready for internal reviews in early February. This amendment application remains a priority for submittal to the Commission.

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We regret any inconvenience this change may have caused. Please contact us if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Patulski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" and last name "Patulski" clearly legible.

Scott A. Patulski
Site Vice-President

cc: NRC Resident Inspector
NRC Regional Administrator