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Ladies/Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 AND 50-301  
RETRACTION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CHANGE REQUEST 185  
CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT  
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

By letter dated December 13, 1995, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, requested amendments to Facility Operating Licenses DPR-24 and DPR-27 for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, respectively. The purpose of the proposed amendments was to implement a Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in accordance with the guidance in Generic Letter 88-16, "Removal Of Cycle-Specific Parameter Limits From Technical Specifications."

The proposed amendments were a lead plant submittal for a Westinghouse Owner's Group initiative to define an enhanced COLR as provided for in Westinghouse WCAP 14483, "Generic Methodology For Expanded Core Operating Limits Report."

While the proposed amendments provide additional flexibility to Wisconsin Electric for the operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, we have determined that the existing Technical Specifications provide an acceptable level of control. The COLR, as supported by the proposed amendments is not necessary in the near-term for the safe and reliable operation of PBNP. Therefore, we are withdrawing this proposal and request the NRC discontinue processing the proposed amendments.

Wisconsin Electric has initiated a project which will result in a submittal to the NRC requesting conversion of the PBNP custom Technical Specifications to the Improved Standard Technical Specifications as contained in NUREG 1431. The COLR is supported by the Improved Standard Technical Specifications. We intend to pursue approval of a COLR for PBNP with the conversion submittal.

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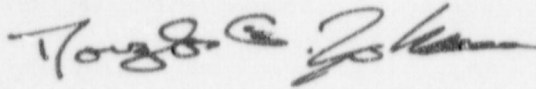
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We regret any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Douglas F. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "D" and "J".

Douglas F. Johnson  
Manager,  
Regulatory Services & Licensing

cc: NRC Resident Inspector  
NRC Regional Administrator  
NRC Project Manager