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Ladies/Gentlemen:

DOCKETS 50-266 & 50-301
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 98-008-00
EMERGENCY DIESEL GENERATOR AIR START MOTOR SOLENOID
VALVES FOUND WITH SPRINGS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH DESIGN
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1 AND UNIT 2

Enclosed is Licensee Event Report 98-008-00 for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. This report is provided in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(ii)(B), "Any event or condition that resulted in the condition of the nuclear power plant being ...in a condition that was outside the design basis of the plant." This report describes the discovery on February 3, 1998 that the solenoid valves installed in the emergency diesel generator air start systems had springs which could require higher air pressure for operation than assumed in the installation documentation. This was due to a manufacturing deficiency that was previously reported to the Commission via a 10 CFR 21 notification submitted by the vendor, Engine Systems, Inc. on January 22, 1998, and received by Wisconsin Electric on January 26, 1998.

New commitments established within this report are presented in italics.

If you require additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas F. Johnson'.

Douglas F. Johnson
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Enclosure

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