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Commitments for Continued Performance Improvement  
at Point Beach Nuclear Plant

On February 2, 2006, a meeting was held between representatives of Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) and U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region III. The meeting focused upon additional improvements that are planned in the Engineering department and the Corrective Action Program (CAP) to ensure sustainable and predictable performance.

This letter formalizes our commitment to continued improvement to ensure sustainable and predictable performance. Specifically, NMC commits to the following long-term continuous performance improvement actions at Point Beach Nuclear Plant (PBNP) over the next two-year period:

1. Corrective Action Program

- a. Perform a Root Cause Evaluation (RCE) that evaluates the two main drivers from our recent assessment of the Corrective Action Program by March 31, 2006.
- b. The PBNP Excellence Plan will be revised to track the corrective actions resulting from the RCE by April 14, 2006. The Excellence Plan actions will be controlled by the applicable procedures and monitored by the Picture of Excellence Review Group (PERG).

- c. Assessments of CAP performance will be performed every six months for the next two-year period. The assessments will alternately be independent assessments and self-assessments. The first assessment will be an independent assessment to be performed and actions incorporated in the Point Beach Excellence Plan by September 1, 2006. The independent team assessments will consist of members from industry, outside of the NMC fleet, and have a host peer outside of our Performance Assessment Department. NMC will provide the charter and members of the assessment team to the NRC prior to the start of each assessment and the results after each assessment.

2. Engineering Department Improvements

- a. The long-term improvement actions discussed at the February 2, 2006, meeting which have resulted from the recent Engineering assessment, will be incorporated into the Point Beach Excellence Plan by March 2, 2006. The Excellence Plan actions will be controlled by the applicable procedures and monitored by the Picture of Excellence Review Group (PERG).
- b. Assessments of Engineering performance will be performed every six months for the next two-year period. The assessments will alternately be independent assessments and self-assessments. The first assessment will be an independent assessment to be performed and actions incorporated into the Excellence Plan by August 1, 2006. The independent team assessments will consist of members from industry, outside of the NMC fleet, and have a host peer outside of Engineering. NMC will provide the charter and members of the assessment team to the NRC prior to the start of each assessment and the results after each assessment.

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