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May 29, 1979

Mr. J. G. Keppler, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region III
U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

DOCKETS 50-266 and 50-301
REACTOR VESSEL WELDMENT INFORMATION
POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 and 2

Your letter of September 29, 1978 transmitted IE Bulletin 78-12, which is entitled "Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds". In our October 26, 1978 letter to you, we provided some of the requested information, to the extent available, which had not been previously reported for the Point Beach reactor vessels. Subsequently, your letters of November 24, 1978 and March 19, 1979 transmitted IE Bulletins 78-12A and 78-12B, which modified the original requirements to reflect specific needs for the requested information and to avoid duplication of submitted data.

During past months, an extensive effort by NRC, the NSSS suppliers, and the reactor vessel manufacturers has resulted in an agreement on the information that would be provided to the NRC and the schedule for submittal of this information by the vessel manufacturers. The NRC/industry effort is reflected in the requirements of Bulletin 78-12B.

Attached hereto you will find a certification that the Babcock and Wilcox generic report has been provided to the NRC. This report applies to the Point Beach Nuclear Plant Unit 1 reactor vessel. The report has also been reviewed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, as indicated by the attached certification. To the best of our knowledge, this report adequately represents data applicable to the Point Beach Unit 1 reactor vessel.

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Mr. J. G. Keppler

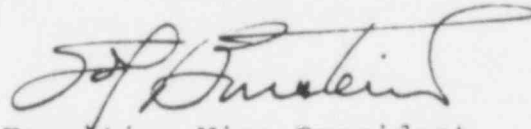
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The Point Beach Unit 2 reactor vessel was partially fabricated by Babcock and Wilcox, but fabrication was completed by Combustion Engineering, Inc. Combustion Engineering is working to complete its generic report and is planning to have it submitted to NRC by about June 8, 1979. To provide time for our receipt and review of this information, our response concerning the Unit 2 reactor vessel information should be forwarded to you by July 13, 1979.

We trust that this response, in combination with the industry effort, is satisfactory. Please contact us if additional information is required at this time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sol Burstein", with a stylized, flowing script.

Executive Vice President

Sol Burstein

Enclosure

Copy to Office of Inspection and Enforcement,
Division of Reactor Construction Inspection

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May 21, 1979

WEP-79-13

Mr. D. K. Porter
Wisconsin Electric Power Company
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Dear Mr. Porter:

NRC IE Bulletins #78-12 & #78-12A
"Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds"

Based upon our technical evaluation of the information contained in the generic report compiled by Babcock & Wilcox to satisfy the requirements presented in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission IE Bulletins #78-12 and #78-12A, Westinghouse has concluded that the weld material data and other required information pertinent to the Point Beach unit #1 reactor vessel are included in Babcock & Wilcox's report.

This report has previously been submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as evidenced by Babcock & Wilcox Company's transmittal letter of March 13, 1979 to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

Additionally, we have enclosed for your files a copy of Babcock & Wilcox Company's letter to Westinghouse, providing further confirmation that the generic report prepared by vendor includes records pertaining to the Point Beach Unit 1 reactor vessel.

Westinghouse audited the subject report against the ASME and W E-Spec. requirements for the Point Beach Unit 1 reactor vessel built by Babcock & Wilcox. The report contains data pertaining to the Point Beach Unit 1 reactor vessel and is considered to be in compliance with the U.S. NRC bulletins and Westinghouse requirements. However, a few apparent errors were noted in the report. These discrepancies were brought to the attention of Babcock & Wilcox and they have been resolved to Westinghouse's satisfaction. Babcock & Wilcox has agreed to revise page II-4, page II-7, and test certificate EL 223 in accordance with Westinghouse's comments and will resubmit them to the NRC and Westinghouse at a later date when they have resolved comments from all other parties (B&W and G.E.) affected by the report.

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In addition to the data supplied by Babcock & Wilcox in the subject report, Westinghouse has developed surveillance weldment data. This data is contained in the following report, which has previously been transmitted to you:

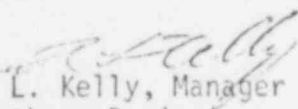
Point Beach Unit 1, WCAP-7513, dated June, 1970

In addition, Westinghouse inventoried our archive surveillance weldment material and none exists for the Point Beach Unit 1 reactor vessel.

In conclusion, this letter provides assurance that the Point Beach Unit 1 reactor vessel is covered in the subject report, and fulfills Westinghouse's obligations relative to the Reactor Vessel Weld Material Program contracted for by Wisconsin Electric Power Company.

A copy of the Babcock & Wilcox generic report applicable to the Point Beach Unit 1 is submitted for your records.

Sincerely,


R. L. Kelly, Manager
Northern Region

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*without attachment

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