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Mr. Edson G. Case, Deputy Director  
Directorate of Licensing  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Case:

DOCKET NO. 50-266  
LICENSEE EVENT REPORT NO. 50-266/75-2  
CONTAINMENT PURGE AND EXHAUST VALVE  
CLOSING TIMES GREATER THAN FFDSAR LIMITS  
UNIT NO. 1 - POINT BEACH NUCLEAR PLANT

This is filed in accordance with Section 15.6.6.A.3.b  
of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant Technical Specifications.

On January 24, 1975, during a Unit 1 shutdown, we conducted a test of the containment purge inlet and exhaust valves closing times in accordance with our letter to you of January 8, 1975. This test disclosed that valves 1CV-3212 and 1CV-3244 had closing times which exceeded the three-second minimum closing time described in Section 5.3.2.3 of the Final Facility Description and Safety Analysis Report. As described in our January 8 letter, a similar problem was experienced with the Unit 2 containment purge and exhaust valves which were tested during the recent Unit 2 refueling outage.

On January 24, 1975, a maintenance request was submitted to investigate and repair, as required, valves 1CV-3212 and 1CV-3244. The maintenance investigation disclosed that the longer-than-required closing times for these two valves were more specifically linked to sticking pneumatic relays in the valves air operators. These pneumatic relays were cleaned and lubricated and the valves were retested with satisfactory closing times. The results of all four valve tests are as follows:

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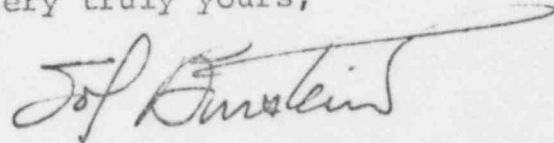
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<u>Valve No.</u>	<u>Closing Time Prior To Relay Cleaning (Seconds)</u>	<u>Closing Time After Relay Cleaning (Seconds)</u>
LCV-3212	3.6	2.0
3213	2.8	2.8
3244	4.2	2.0
3245	2.0	2.0

During normal operation at Point Beach Nuclear Plant, containment venting is accomplished by a continuous venting and monitoring system completely separate from the purge inlet and exhaust valve system. Therefore, after closing the above valves to establish containment integrity, there is not normally any need to reopen them while at power. Accordingly, it is considered that the slower closing time of the valves posed no hazard to the health and safety of the public.

Very truly yours,



Executive Vice President

Sol Burstein