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Desc: Please provide a copy of all NRC records from April 1, 2004, regarding the spring 2004 refueling and maintenance outage at Point Beach Unit 1.

FeeCategory: Educational

MediaType:

FeeCategory_Description:

Expedite_ImminentThreatText:

Expedite_UrgencyToInformText:

Waiver_Purpose: Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is a nonstock, nonprofit organization organized and existing under Wisconsin Statute Chapter 181. CUB's purpose is to promote the health, welfare and prosperity of all the citizens of the State of Wisconsin by ensuring effective and democratic representation of individual residential utility consumers before regulatory agencies, the legislature and other public bodies and by providing consumer education on utility issues. CUB provides information to its membership of approximately 9,000 ratepayers through newsletters, its website at www.wiscub.org, and through the media. CUB will use the information provided in response to this FOIA request to inform its membership of the reasons for the extended shutdown of Point Beach Unit 1 in the spring of 2004. CUB will use the

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information to inform its membership regarding increased fuel costs for We Energies' residential customers, due in part, to the extended outage of the nuclear plant!

Waiver_ExtentToExtractAnalyze: CUB will review the records provided to determine whether proper established procedures were being followed during the refueling outage by reviewing any relevant root cause evaluations, evaluations by Nuclear Management Company, and evaluations by NRC staff regarding the reason(s) for the outage being extended.

Waiver_SpecificActivityQuals: The records will be used to inform CUB's membership through discussion of the extended outage in CUB's newsletters and to respond to media requests regarding CUB's understanding of the cause of the extended outage. CUB regularly provides information to its membership, to the public, and to regulatory agencies regarding the activities of public utilities owning nuclear power plants in Wisconsin and the activities of the Nuclear Management Company which operates Wisconsin's functioning nuclear plants. I am the Research Director for CUB and have analyzed regulatory documents and records regarding nuclear plants in Wisconsin since 1990. CUB has the ability to analyze the records requested and to summarize the contents of those records in a way that should lead to an increased public understanding of the reasons for the extended outage, and therefore, the reason for the incurrence of any additional energy costs associated with the outage.

Waiver_ImpactPublicUnderstanding: The impact on the public's understanding of the subject would be greatly improved in comparison to the public's existing understanding. There is uncertainty within the public regarding the specific reasons why the Point Beach Unit 1 nuclear plant was unavailable to generate power for approximately one month longer than its scheduled refueling outage. Release of the records requested will provide CUB, and therefore the public, with information on the Unit 1 reactor vessel head inspection and repairs required for a penetration nozzle; information regarding the stoppage of the refueling outage by Point Beach management to ensure that appropriate procedures were being followed; and information regarding whether an incident occurred during the refueling outage involving the failure to provide a vent path for the reactor coolant system that had it not been detected, could have created the possibility for boiling within Unit 1's reactor core.

Waiver_NatureOfPublic: CUB's membership consists of approximately 9,000 citizens of Wisconsin. CUB's membership will be informed through a CUB newsletter; through posting of relevant information received in response to this request on CUB's website; or by providing a summary of the relevant information received to the Wisconsin media.

Waiver_MeansOfDissemination: The summarized information will be disseminated to the general public through its posting on the CUB website and/or through media outlets that CUB frequently uses.

Waiver_FreeToPublicOrFee: Public access to the information will be free of charge.

Waiver_PrivateCommercialInterest: There is no commercial or private interest that myself or CUB has in the agency records sought.
