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CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ITS PALISADES NUCLEAR POWER PLANT RETURNED TO SERVICE.

THE PLANT WILL BE BROUGHT UP TO FULL POWER OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS DURING WHICH IT WILL BE OPERATED AT VARIOUS POWER LEVELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPANY PLANNED PROCEDURES. PALISADES WAS TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE AT YEAR END FOR REFUELING, TESTING AND MAINTENANCE.

THE PALISADES FACILITY IN 1975, PRODUCED 2.4 BILLION KILOWATTHOURS OF ENERGY. IF THAT SAME ENERGY HAD BEEN GENERATED BY FOSSIL FUELS, CONSUMERS POWER CUSTOMERS WOULD HAVE HAD TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$25 MILLION FOR THEIR ELECTRICITY.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS, WHICH ACCOUNT FOR JUST OVER 2 PERCENT OF TOTAL GENERATING CAPABILITY, PALISADES IS THE MOST ECONOMICAL GENERATING UNIT ON THE COMPANY'S SYSTEM.

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