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DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 -
PALISADES PLANT - RESPONSE TO IE BULLETIN 83-03 "CHECK VALVE FAILURE IN R/W
WATER COOLING SYSTEM OF DIESEL GENERATORS"

IE Bulletin 83-03 dated March 10, 1983 describes an incident involving failure of check valves in the raw water cooling system for the diesel generators which resulted in interruption of cooling water flow to the diesel generator heat exchangers and subsequent inoperability of the diesel generators.

A review of the flow path of cooling water for the diesel generators at the Palisades Plant has been completed. The design of the cooling water (service water) flow path to the diesel generators does not utilize check valves. Since the action items of IE Bulletin 83-03 involve identification and testing of the subject check valves, it is therefore not applicable to the Palisades Plant.

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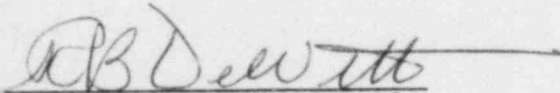
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RESPONSE TO IE BULLETIN 83-03

At the request of the Commission and pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, and the Commission's Rules and Regulations thereunder, Consumers Power Company submits our response to IE Bulletin 83-03 dated March 10, 1983, entitled "Check Valve Failure in Raw Water Cooling System of Diesel Generators". Consumers Power Company's response is dated May 31, 1983.

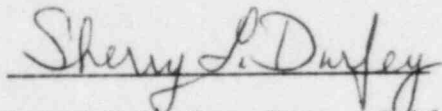
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BY



R B DeWitt, Vice President
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Sworn and subscribed to before me this 31st day of May 1983.



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My Commission Expires Nov. 5, 1986