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Mr. Darl Hood
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hood:

I am in receipt of your March 21, 1983 letter SUBJECT: TERA CORPORATION'S PROJECT QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ENGINEERING PROGRAM PLANS FOR THE MIDLAND INDEPENDENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION VERIFICATION PROGRAM. The attached March 18, 1983 TERA letter includes a request for a public meeting between TERA and the NRC staff.

I also understand, through Mr. Darrell Eisenhut's March 23, 1983 letter that TERA has been requested to expand the two initially required systems to include an independent design verification (IDV) of that part of the Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment that directly affects the control room. This decision is extremely significant, and I am anxious to review any detailed methodology plans by either the TERA Corporation or the NRC which will determine the adequacy of the HVAC system.

Finally, I note that the TERA letter of March 18, 1983 indicates that "...the Midland IDVC program has progressed to the point where confirmed items have been identified." It appears that the confirmed items have not been reported to the NRC at this time, and that TERA is asking for guidance about when to report these confirmed items. We are deeply distressed that the confirmed items have not been identified as of yet to the NRC. It was our understanding that all communication would be given simultaneously to the NRC and Consumers Power Company, yet obviously that has not occurred. In our March 7, 1983 letter to Mr. Darrell Eisenhut we pointed out that there had been an admission that TERA had provided Consumers with a report that the NRC had not yet received, (Public Meeting, Midland, Michigan, February 8, 1983). Now TERA has "confirmed items" which it has not reported to the NRC. Please clarify for TERA, as well as for us, the details of the requirement that information be provided to the NRC and to Consumers at the same time.

Your response will be appreciated in the near future.

Sincerely,

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