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May 17, 1974

Mr. James G. Keppler, Regional Director
Directorate of Regulatory Operations
Region III
US Atomic Energy Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Re: Docket 50-255
License DPR-20
Palisades Plant

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Your letter to Mr. Robert L. Haueter dated March 22, 1974, concerning the valve wall thickness surveillance program at the Palisades Plant, requested that further steps be taken to verify the wall thickness of certain valves of a double-wall construction that are installed in the Palisades Plant. In addition, it requested that at least two (2) of the valves classified as Group 1 (our letter of January 31, 1973) that were permanently removed from service be tested to verify that wall thicknesses meet applicable requirements.

Valves in Groups 3, 4, 5 and 14 could not be measured ultrasonically due to their double-wall construction. The Walworth valves in Group 3 are of all welded construction. Disassembly of this type valve would require cutting the valve out of the system and possible destruction of the valve to achieve the requested wall thickness measurements. We do not feel this type of testing is warranted and, therefore, do not plan to remove valves from Group 3 from service for purposes of a test.

Wall measurements for valves in Groups 4, 5 and 14 may be practicable. However, it will require their total disassembly which is not presently planned. We will review this problem with the valve manufacturer on a time schedule which would permit inspection of the valves during the 1975 refueling outage if it is found to be practicable to perform such an inspection. This inspection will be performed on one (1) valve of each group as previously stated in our letters concerning the valve wall thickness testing program.

All valves in Group 1 were replaced with valves made by Rockwell International. The last valve of this group of valves was replaced during the current outage which began in August 1973. After

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receipt of your March 22, 1974 letter, a search of our radwaste disposal facility was conducted and it was determined that these valves had already been disposed of. The replacement valves were all measured for valve wall thickness by the manufacturer and these records will be made a part of the valve wall thickness documentation available at the plant site. No further efforts are being undertaken with regard to the inspection of the Group 1 valves.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ralph B. Sewell".

RBS/ds

Ralph B. Sewell
Nuclear Licensing Administrator