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Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Mr. R. B. DeWitt
Vice President - Nuclear
Operations
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Messrs. E. R. Swanson, R. L. Higgins and Miss C. D. Anderson of this office during the period of April 9 through May 6, 1985 at the Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant authorized by NRC Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. F. Firlit and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. A written response is required.

We considered the need for escalated enforcement action with regard to the circumstances surrounding the isolation of the safeguards pump room cooler. We concluded that the safety significance of this event did not warrant escalated enforcement action. However, we are concerned with your failure to properly evaluate the safety significance of your actions. In your response to the violation described in Enclosure 1 to this letter, please describe the measures you will take to cause safety evaluations to be made prior to modifying the plant/systems as described in the FSAR.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures(s) will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter (and accompanying Notice) are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by C.E. Norelius"

C. E. Norelius, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice
of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-255/85009(DRP)

cc w/enclosures:

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