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Docket No. 50-255

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

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Messrs. E. R. Swanson and B. L. Jorgensen and Miss C. D. Anderson of this office during the period of July 9 through August 12, 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 violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. A written response is required.

The violation cited in item two of the Appendix, although a single example, represents a significant failure to implement a broad spectrum of design controls for a minor modification. Consequently, in your response, please address what corrective actions you are taking that address the adequacy of other modifications to assure that other changes are not similarly deficient. Further, although no response is requested at this time, we are concerned about the lack of control exhibited during the modification work as discussed in the report Paragraph 7b. We expect that you will devote the necessary resources to tighten your controls and prevent future recurrences of this type.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures 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,

C. E. Norelius, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice
of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-255/85018(DRP)

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