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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001 April 29, 1998

Mr. Nathan L. Haskell Director, Licensing Palisades Plant 27780 Blue Star Memorial Highway Covert, MI 49043

SUBJECT: PALISADES PLANT - ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT RE: ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS (TAC NO. M94378)

Dear Mr. Haskell:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 180 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-20 for the Palisades Plant. The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) in response to your application dated December 27, 1995, as supplemented by letters dated September 4, October 18, and November 26, 1996, June 27 and November 21, 1997, and January 29 and April 10, 1998.

The amendment revises TS requirements and associated bases regarding the electrical power systems to closely emulate the Standard Technical Specifications for Combustion Engineering Plants, NUREG-1432, Revision 1. Full implementation of this amendment shall be accomplished within 60 days after leaving Cold Shutdown following completion of the 1998 refueling outage, but no later than October 2, 1998, as requested in your January 29, 1998, letter.

Because full implementation may not take place until the fall of 1998, until full implementation Consumers Energy should submit two sets of TS pages for any pages affected in future amendments by the issuance of this amendment. The TS pages should reflect the conditions before and after full implementation so that the correct TS pages may be issued in any future amendments. Consumers Energy will notify NRC in writing when this amendment on the electrical power systems has been implemented as stated in your January 29, 1998, letter.



N. L. Haskell

A copy of our related Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. The notice of issuance will be included in the Commission's biweekly *Federal Register* notice.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Robert G. Schaaf, Project Manager Project Directorate III-1 Division of Reactor Projects - III/IV Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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