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Docket No. 50-255

Mr. David Bixel
Nuclear Licensing Administrator
Consumers Power Company
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Jackson, Michigan 49201

Dear Mr. Bixel:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 46 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20 for the Palisades Plant. The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your request dated December 27, 1978, as supplemented by letter dated January 12, 1979.

The amendment changes certain provisions in Section 6 of the Technical Specifications to reflect a revised plant organizational structure. The stated purpose of the change is to conform Figure 6.2-2 of the Technical Specifications to the guidance of ANSI N18.7-1976 and to provide flexibility which will allow more efficient operation of the plant.

The plant organization chart, Figure 6.2-2 now has five line supervisors reporting directly to the Generating Plant Superintendent-Nuclear. These are the Operators Superintendent, Maintenance Superintendent, Administrative Supervisor, Health Physicist, and Technical Superintendent. The revision would delete the Administrative Supervisor and functions reporting to this supervisor from the Technical Specifications. These functions include the Stockman, Office Personnel, and the Security Force. The position of Administrative Supervisor, Stockman, and Office Personnel are not directly related to plant safety. Therefore, we have no requirement that such positions exist and their deletion from the Technical Specifications would have no effect on plant safety. The proposed revision would require that the security force will be supervised as described in the Plant Security Plan. This change would be consistent with current NRC practice which places security force requirements in the Security Plan rather than in the Technical Specifications. This change in manner of specifying requirements would have no adverse effect on the security plan.

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The revision would also allow the positions of Operators Superintendent and Maintenance Superintendent to be combined under one individual. In addition, it would delete the organizational relationship and specification of two of the positions now reporting to the Operators Superintendent and all the positions reporting to the Maintenance Superintendent, Health Physicist, and Technical Superintendent. Instead, the revised specification would specify the required safety related discipline which must be represented by the staff and would require that the personnel supervising these disciplines report to the Generating Plant Superintendent-Nuclear or to an individual who reports directly to the Generating Plant Superintendent-Nuclear. The change would therefore provide flexibility in the organization without affecting the number and type of technical disciplines or the reporting level of the supervisors of these disciplines. In the event the positions of Superintendent Operators and Maintenance Superintendent are combined in accordance with Figure 6.2-2, the individual holding both positions serves as a single voting member of the Plant Review Committee (Specification 6.5.1.2).

The guidance used by us in determining acceptability of the plant organization is contained in Regulatory Guide 1.33, Quality Assurance Program Requirements (Operation). The proposed organizational change would conform to the Regulatory Guide criteria. We have concluded that the proposed changes are administrative in nature, do not reduce the effectiveness of the management or safe operation of the Palisades Plant, and are therefore acceptable.

The amendment applies to the organizational structure and therefore does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level, and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) that an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

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Since the amendment applies to the organizational structure, it does not involve significant new safety information of a type not considered by a previous Commission safety review of the facility. It does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, and therefore does not involve a significant hazards consideration. We have also concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by this action and that the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

A copy of the related Notice of Issuance is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:
Dennis L. Ziemann

Dennis L. Ziemann, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #2
Division of Operating Reactors

Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 46 to DPR-20
- 2. Notice of Issuance

cc w/enclosures:
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I notified S. Cashell on 1/22/79 that this amendment has been issued.
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Subject: Plant Organization

Final Fee Sheet Date: 1/9/79

Amended Form Date: _____

William O. Miller, Chief
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FACILITY AMENDMENT CLASSIFICATION - DOCKET NO(S). 50-255

Licensee: Consumers Power

Plant Name and Unit(s): Palisades

License No(s): DPR-20

Mail Control No: 7901030228

Request Dated: 12/27/78

Fee Remitted: Yes No

Assigned TAC No: 11189

Licensee's Fee Classification: Class I , II , III , IV , V , VI ,
None (CK # C57448; AA903, AMP-2)

Amendment No. 46

Date of Issuance 1/19/79

1. This request has been reviewed by DOR/DPM in accordance with Section 170.22 of Part 170 and is properly categorized.

2. This request is incorrectly classified and should be properly categorized as Class _____. Justification for classification or reclassification: _____

3. Additional information is required to properly categorize the request:

Our preliminary fee position remains valid. R. Silver, D. Ziemann 1/24/79

4. This request is a Class ____ type of action and is exempt from fees because it:

(a) _____ was filed by a nonprofit educational institution,

(b) _____ was filed by a Government agency and is not for a power reactor,

(c) _____ is for a Class ____ (can only be a I, II, or III) amendment which results from a written Commission request dated _____ for the application and the amendment is to simplify or clarify license or technical specifications, has only minor safety significance, and is being issued for the convenience of the Commission, or

(d) _____ other (state reason therefor): _____

1/24/79

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R. Silver

Dennis L Ziemann

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Division of Operating Reactors/Project Management

The above request has been reviewed and is exempt from fees.

Attached: incoming

William O. Miller, Chief
License Fee Management Branch

Date

Mr. David Bixel

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January 19, 1979

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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-255

PALISADES PLANT

AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 46
License No. DPR-20

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Consumers Power Company (the licensee) dated December 27, 1978, as supplemented by letter dated January 12, 1979, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and
 - E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

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2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment and paragraph 3.B of Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20 is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 46, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Dennis L. Ziemann, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #2
Division of Operating Reactors

Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: January 19, 1979

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 46

PROVISIONAL OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-20

DOCKET NO. 50-255

Revise Appendix A Technical Specifications by removing the following pages and by inserting the enclosed pages. The revised pages contain the captioned amendment number and marginal lines indicating the area of change.

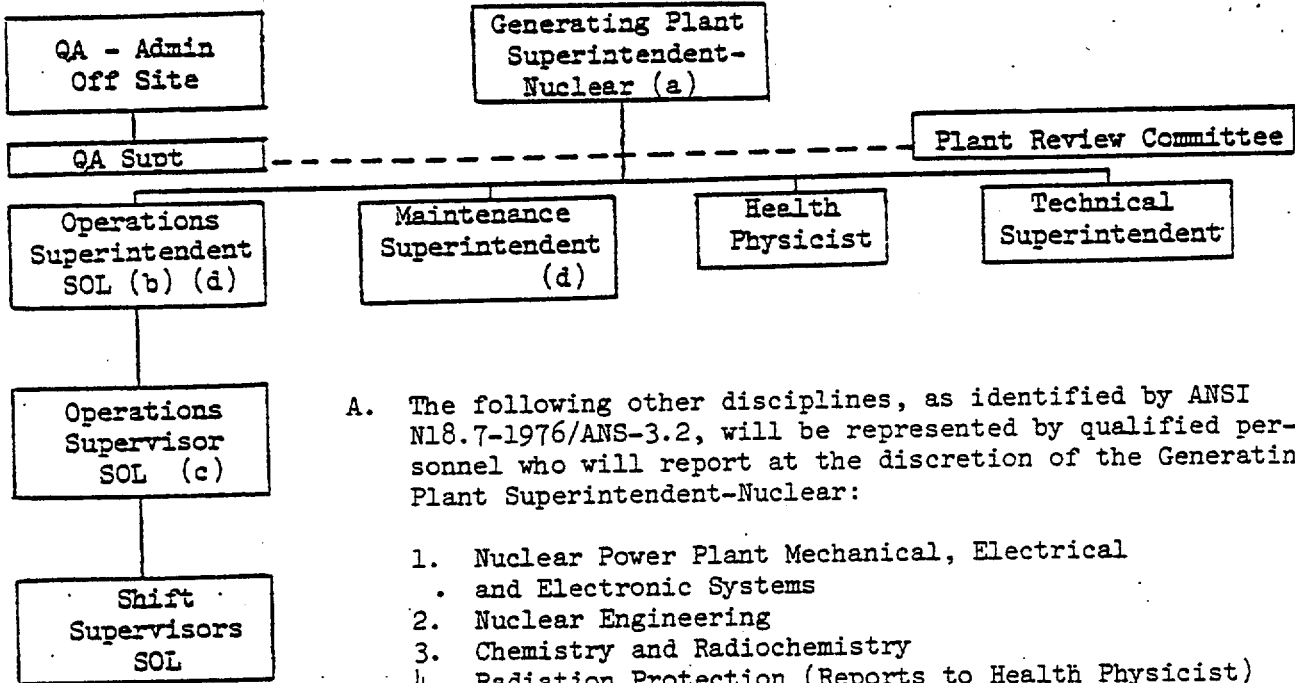
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CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY
Plant Organization



A. The following other disciplines, as identified by ANSI N18.7-1976/ANS-3.2, will be represented by qualified personnel who will report at the discretion of the Generating Plant Superintendent-Nuclear:

1. Nuclear Power Plant Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic Systems
2. Nuclear Engineering
3. Chemistry and Radiochemistry
4. Radiation Protection (Reports to Health Physicist)

A single individual may be qualified and perform in more than one discipline.

- B. The Security Force will be supervised as described in the Plant Security Plan.
- C. Quality Control Activities will be in accordance with the Consumers Power Quality Assurance Program Policies.

- (a) Responsible for the Plant Fire Protection Program
- (b) The Operations Superintendent need not hold an SOL provided he meets the other requirements of 6.3.1 of these Specifications and the position of "Operations Supervisor" is filled. Under these conditions, the Operations Supervisor shall be responsible for directing the activities of licensed operators.
- (c) This position need not be filled if the Operations Superintendent holds an SOL. However, when the Operations Supervisor position is filled, that individual shall hold an SOL.
- (d) The Operations and Maintenance Superintendents' positions may be combined under one individual. When this occurs, the operations supervisor position will be filled.

(SOL - Senior Operator Licensee)

Figure 6.2-2

6.5 REVIEW AND AUDIT

6.5.1 PLANT REVIEW COMMITTEE (PRC)

6.5.1.1 FUNCTION

The PRC shall function to advise the Plant Superintendent on all matters related to nuclear safety.

6.5.1.2 COMPOSITION

The PRC shall be composed of the:

Chairman: Plant Superintendent or Designated Alternate
Member: Operations Superintendent*
Member: Technical Superintendent
Member: Maintenance Superintendent*
Member: Plant Instrument and Control Engineer or Supervisor
Member: Plant Reactor Engineer
Member: Health Physicist
Member: Chemical Engineer or Supervisor
Member: Shift Supervisor (One)
Member: Senior or General Engineer (One)

*When these positions are combined in accordance with the Plant Organization, Figure 6.2-2, the individual holding both positions serves as a single voting member of the PRC.

6.5.1.3 ALTERNATES

Alternate members shall be appointed in writing by the PRC Chairman to serve on a temporary basis; however, no more than two alternates shall participate in PRC activities at any one time.

6.5.1.4 MEETING FREQUENCY

The PRC shall meet at least once per calendar month with special meetings as required.

6.5.1.5 QUORUM

A quorum of the PRC shall consist of the Chairman and four members (including alternates).

6.5.1.6 RESPONSIBILITIES

The PRC shall be responsible for:

- a. Review of 1) all procedures required by Specification 6.8 and changes thereto, 2) any other proposed procedures or changes thereto as determined by the Plant Superintendent to affect nuclear safety.
- b. Review of all proposed tests and experiments that affect nuclear safety.

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-255CONSUMERS POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO PROVISIONAL
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 46 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20, issued to Consumers Power Company (the licensee), which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Palisades Plant (the facility) located in Covert Township, Van Buren County, Michigan. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment changes certain provisions in Section 6 of the Technical Specifications to reflect an organizational structure which conforms to the guidance of ANSI N18.7-1976 and to allow more efficient operation of the facility.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this action was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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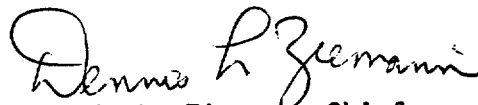
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The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated December 27, 1978, and supplement thereto dated January 12, 1979, and (2) Amendment No.46 to License No. DPR-20, including the Commission's Evaluation contained in the letter of transmittal. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 South Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006. A copy of item (2) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 19th day of January, 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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