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**DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 - PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT
RESOLUTION OF GENERIC LETTER 96-06 WATERHAMMER ISSUES
(TAC NO. M96844)**

By letter dated April 24, 2002, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) forwarded to the Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) their acceptance of Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) report TR-113594, "Resolution of Generic Letter [GL] 96-06 Waterhammer Issues," Volumes 1 and 2. The letter contained a request for NMC to complete actions to address GL 96-06 for the Palisades Plant and submit the information referred to in Section 3.3 of the attached NRC safety evaluation by July 30, 2002.

NMC requests an extension to February 28, 2003, to provide the requested information. NMC has reviewed the EPRI report and determined that the scope of the analysis effort to complete all outstanding issues related to GL 96-06 will require the requested extension.

By letter dated January 16, 2001, NMC (then Consumers Energy Company) provided commitments to address the schedule for completion of all GL 96-06 actions. Accordingly, these commitments are restated, and revised where appropriate, to reflect the requested extension.

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SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS

This letter contains one revision to an existing commitment and the restatement of one existing commitment.

NMC had made the following commitment:

The response to the RAI regarding GL 96-06, issued by the NRC on June 18, 1998, will be submitted within 120 days after the industry initiative final report has been issued and dispositioned by the NRC.

The commitment is revised as follows:

The response to the requested information contained in the NRC Staff's letter dated April 24, 2002, will be provided by February 28, 2003.

NMC had also made the following commitment. No changes are made. The commitment is restated for completeness:

Compliance with FSAR piping design criteria for the containment air cooler discharge piping, when subjected to realistically predicted waterhammers, will be verified prior to the completion of the refueling outage after the first full operating cycle following the NRC disposition of the industry initiative final report.



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