

January 8, 2004

MEMORANDUM TO: Biweekly Notice Coordinator

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Project Directorate III
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION IN BIWEEKLY FR NOTICE -
NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE (TAC NO. MB7791)

Nuclear Management Company, LLC, Docket No. 50-255, Palisades Plant, Van Buren
County, Michigan

Date of application for amendment: October 17, 2002, as supplemented December 10,
2003.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment revises Technical Specification
Table 3.3.1-2 by modifying a constant in the variable thermal margin/low pressure (TM/LP)
trip equation. The change reduces calculated values for the variable TM/LP trip setpoint,
and results from improvements in plant equipment used to establish the TM/LP trip setpoint.
Ultrasonic feedwater flow measurement devices, which were recently installed at Palisades,
result in less uncertainty applied in the methodology used for determining core power level.
The devices used to calculate the TM/LP trip setpoint were previously replaced with digital
thermal margin monitors having less uncertainty.

Date of issuance: January 8, 2004.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 90 days.

Amendment No.: 214

Facility Operating License No. DPR-20. Amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in FEDERAL REGISTER: September 2, 2003 (68 FR 52235)

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No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

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