

December 29, 2005

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SUBJECT: BIG ROCK POINT NUCLEAR PLANT - REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM
10 CFR Part 50.70(b)(1) (TAC NO. L60565)

Dear Mr. Haas:

By letter dated October 25, 2005, Consumers Energy (CE) requested relief for the Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant (BRP) from the 10 CFR Part 50.70(b)(1) requirement for each licensee, upon request by the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, to provide rent-free space for the exclusive use of Commission inspection personnel.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) understands that, due to decommissioning activities, numerous structures and onsite buildings have been demolished, including the Services Building that previously housed the office reserved exclusively for NRC inspection personnel. As a result, site office space is now limited primarily to that of temporary trailers that are being occupied by site operations and support personnel as well as NRC inspection personnel when they are onsite. The existing office space will be further reduced as subsequent decommissioning phases are completed and temporary trailers are moved offsite commensurate with a reduction in the workforce.

CE has stated that they intend to continue to provide exclusive office space for NRC inspection personnel on an as-needed basis when those personnel are onsite. However, in its effort to minimize the need for any additional office space as it enters the demobilization phase of the project, CE desires to utilize the designated NRC office space for BRP operations and support staff when the NRC inspection personnel are not onsite.

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Given the office space limitations associated with decommissioning the BRP site, and CE's commitment to provide suitable space on an as-needed basis, the NRC withdraws its request for office space for the exclusive use of Commission inspection personnel.

Questions regarding this letter should be directed to Jim Shepherd at 301-415-6712.

Sincerely,

/RA/

J. E. Dyer, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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