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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL PLANT-SPECIFIC
SUPPLEMENT 27 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS REGARDING
PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT (TAC NO. MC6434)

Dear Mr. Malone:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed the final plant-specific Supplement 27 to NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," (GEIS) regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-20 for an additional 20 years of operation for the Palisades Nuclear Plant (Palisades). Enclosed is a copy of the final supplement and the associated *Federal Register* Notice of Availability. This notice advises the public that the final supplement is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>. The Accession Number for the final Supplement 27 to the GEIS is ML062710300. In addition, the South Haven Memorial Library, located at 314 Broadway Street, South Haven, MI, has agreed to make the final supplement available for public inspection.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of the final supplement, the NRC staff recommends that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Palisades, are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy planning decision makers would be unreasonable. This recommendation is based on: (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by Palisades; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's own independent review; and (5) the staff's consideration of public comments.

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A separate Notice of Availability of the final supplemental environmental impact statement will be placed in the *Federal Register* through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the NRC Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Bo M. Pham, at 301-415-8450 or by e-mail at BMP@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NUCLEAR MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC,

PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANTNOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL SUPPLEMENT 27 TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NUCLEAR PLANTS,REGARDING THE LICENSE RENEWAL OF PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANTDOCKET NOS. 50-255

_____ Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, Commission) has published a final plant-specific supplement to the “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants (GEIS),” NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating license DPR-20 for the Palisades Nuclear Plant (Palisades) for an additional 20 years of operation. Palisades is located on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan in Covert Township on the western side of Van Buren County, Michigan, approximately 4.5 miles south of the city limits of South Haven, Michigan. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

As discussed in Section 9.3 of the final Supplement 27, based on: (1) the analysis and findings in the GEIS; (2) the Environmental Report submitted by Nuclear Management Company, LLC; (3) consultation with Federal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff’s own independent review; and (5) the staff’s consideration of public comments, the recommendation of the staff is that the Commission determine that the adverse environmental impacts of license renewal for Palisades are not so great that preserving the option of license renewal for energy-planning decision makers would be unreasonable.

The final Supplement 27 to the GEIS is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, or

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of October, 2006.

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