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NRC STAFF APPROVES TRANSFER OF PALISADES OPERATING LICENSE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has approved the transfer of the operating license for the Palisades Nuclear Plant from owner Consumers Energy and operator Nuclear Management Company, to new owner Entergy Nuclear Palisades and operator Entergy Nuclear Operations. As provided by NRC regulations, the staff's approval of the license transfer became effective today.

Consumers Energy and Nuclear Management Company submitted an application on Aug. 31, 2006, requesting approval of the license transfer. The application was supplemented by letters submitted Dec. 15, 2006; March 1, and April 4. Major issues considered by the NRC included financial qualifications as well as transfer and maintenance of accumulated decommissioning funds.

A copy of the NRC's approval order and accompanying non-proprietary safety evaluation report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F23, Rockville, MD 20852 (telephone 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737). The non-proprietary safety evaluation will also be available on the NRC's Agency-wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), by entering ML070780051 at this address: <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>. Help in using ADAMS is available by calling the Public Document Room.

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