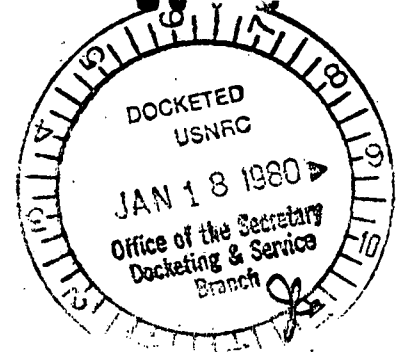


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



In the Matter of

CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY
(Palisades Nuclear Power Facility)

} Docket No. 50-255
} License No. DPR-20

NOTICE OF HEARING

Consumers Power Company, Jackson, Michigan is the holder of License No. DPR-20, which authorizes the company to operate the Palisades Nuclear Power Facility. The Facility consists of a pressurized light water moderated and cooled reactor (PWR), located at the Licensee's site in Covent Township, Van Buren County, Michigan.

On November 9, 1979, the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, pursuant to section 234 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2282) and 10 CFR 2.205 of the Commission's regulations, served on the Licensee a Notice of Violation together with a Notice of Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties. The Notice of Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties, incorporating by reference the Notice of Violation, alleged that the Licensee was responsible for 426 separate items of noncompliance which were violations of the Commission's license conditions and set forth the civil penalty to be assessed for each violation. The alleged violations related to the operation of the facility for an extended period of time with containment violated.

The Licensee sent an answer dated November 29, 1979 to the Notice of Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties. After consideration of the Licensee's response, the Director issued an Order Imposing Civil Penalties on December 20, 1979, in the

total amount of \$450,000.00. By letter dated January 8, 1980 the Licensee requested a hearing.

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the regulations in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2, notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held before Honorable Ivan W. Smith, Administrative Law Judge, at a time and place to be set by the Administrative Law Judge.

The issues before the Administrative Law Judge to be considered and decided shall be:

- (a) Whether the Licensee committed the violations of the technical specifications of License No. DPR-20 set forth in the November 9, 1979 Notice of Violation issued to Licensee; and
- (b) Whether the December 20, 1979 Order Imposing Civil Penalties should be sustained.

A prehearing conference will be held by the Administrative Law Judge, at a date and place to be set by the Administrative Law Judge, to consider pertinent matters in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice. The date and place of hearing will be set at or after the prehearing conference and noticed in the Federal Register.

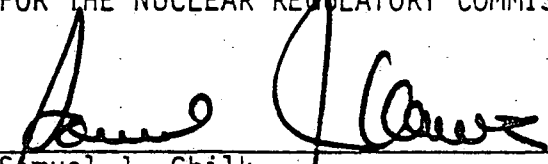
Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.705, an answer to this Notice may be filed by the Licensee not later than twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this Notice in the Federal Register.

Required papers may be filed by mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555,

Attention: Chief, Docketing and Service Branch, or by delivery to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555. A copy of papers filed should also be sent to the Director and Chief Counsel, Rulemaking and Enforcement Division, Office of the Executive Legal Director, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Pending further order of the Administrative Law Judge, parties are required to file, pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.708, an original and twenty (20) copies of each such paper with the Commission. Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.785, the Commission authorizes an Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board to exercise the authority and perform the review functions which would otherwise be exercised and performed by the Commission. The Appeal Board will be designated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.787, and notice as to membership will be published in the Federal Register.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary to the Commission

Dated in Washington, D.C.
this 17th day of January, 1980.