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Sincerely,

Dennis M. Crutchfield, Chief Operating Reactors Branch No. 5 Division of Licensing

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William J. Scanlon, Esquire 2034 Pauline Boulevard Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 The Probable Maximum Surge on Lake Michigan would also be accompanied by wind waves that can runup on the west wall of the intake structure. These wind waves would be generated by winds of about 60 knots and over a fetch length of about 123 miles. The maximum significant wave height would be about nine feet. Since the depth of water in front of the intake structure would only be about eight feet (589.0 to 597.1 ft msl), the maximum wave height that can be supported by this depth of water is about 6.3 feet. A range of wave periods from 4 seconds to 15 seconds were used to compute the maximum runup on the intake structure. The maximum calculated runup on a vertical wall results from waves with a period of 15 seconds and runs up to elevation 605.0 feet msl on the west wall of the intake structure.