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DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 - PALISADES PLANT -  
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE REQUEST - PRIMARY  
COOLANT PUMP UPPER FLYWHEEL VOLUMETRIC 100% EXAMINATION  
WAIVER FOR THE 1988 REFUELING OUTAGE

Enclosed is a change to the Palisades Technical Specifications. The change requests a waiver from the 100 percent volumetric examination of the upper flywheel of each primary coolant pump for the 1988 Refueling Outage. This request is consistent with the Standard Technical Specifications and Regulatory Guide 1.14 Revision 1, August 1975 which require the examination to be conducted at approximately a three-year interval during outages coinciding with the inservice inspection schedule. The next Inservice Inspection is scheduled for a 1990 Refueling Outage.

The previous examination completed in February 1986, resulted in a dose of 4 Rems. Consumers Power Company has concluded that the exposure related to this inspection is worthy of ALARA considerations, in particular since the plant's 18 year operational history has not identified any signs of cracking. Furthermore, as noted in the NRC, February 2, 1982 letter, completion of Topic III-10.B - Pump Flywheel Integrity - Palisades, "no flywheel failure, or other associated flywheel problem, has ever been experienced with this type design".

This change was discussed in a meeting at NRR, with the Palisades NRC Project Manager August 12, 1988 as an issue requiring NRC action prior to the end of our 1988 Refueling Outage. However, Palisades is attempting to prepare for the performance of these exams should approval not occur by the need date. Therefore, notification of whether or not this proposed Technical Specification Change will be approved is required prior to September 30, 1988,

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which is our current schedule for performing the RCP flywheel examinations. NRC approval of this proposed Technical Specification Change is required prior to declaring the primary system operable, which is currently scheduled to be about November 1, 1988.

A check for \$150.00 as required by 10CFR170.12 is attached.

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Attachment