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SURGE LINE - VOLUMETRIC INSPECTION

Consumers Power Company (CPC) letter dated April 30, 1994 provided additional information that completed our response to NRC Bulletin No. 88-11, Pressurizer Surge Line Thermal Stratification. It also informed the staff that we would evaluate the recommendation in the NRC's September 13, 1993 letter that Palisades perform volumetric examination of critical elbow components in the pressurizer surge line as part of future ASME inservice inspections. We have completed that evaluation. This letter informs the staff of our plans as they relate to including those volumetric examinations in future ASME inservice inspections.

In view of (1) visual inspections performed in compliance with NRC Bulletin 88-11 which found no evidence of excessive motion or support contact and (2) ISI inspections of surge line welds completed in accordance with ASME Code Section XI guidelines which found no evidence of cracks, CPC plans to follow ASME Section XI requirements. Therefore, we do not plan to include volumetric examination of pressurizer surge line critical elbow components as part of future ASME inservice inspections. However, during the next refueling outage which is scheduled for May 1995, we will volumetrically examine the pressurizer surge line welds on the elbow at the bottom of the pressurizer as part of the Inconel 600 project.

CPC, as a member of the Combustion Engineering Owner's Group (CEOG), is currently active in the ASME Section XI Task group on ISI optimization and will cooperate with the ASME in developing future inspection criteria for surge line inspections. Future implementation of surge line inspections at Palisades will conform to ASME Section XI criteria, as modified by ongoing Code efforts.

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Summary of Commitments

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2. Future implementation of surge line inspections at Palisades will conform to ASME Section XI criteria, as modified by ongoing Code efforts.



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