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Mr. Kurt M. Haas
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SUBJECT: PALISADES PLANT - GENERIC LETTER 89-10, SUPPLEMENT 6 -
IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE (TAC NO. M89787)

Dear Mr. Haas:

In 1990, Consumers Power Company (CPCo) committed to complete its motor-operated valve (MOV) program at the Palisades nuclear power plant in response to Generic Letter (GL) 89-10, "Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valve Testing and Surveillance," in accordance with the recommended schedule in GL 89-10. For the Palisades plant, the GL 89-10 schedule established a completion date of June 28, 1994. On April 28, 1994, in response to Supplement 6 to GL 89-10, CPCo submitted its proposed justification for an extension of its GL 89-10 schedule to 6 months following startup from the spring 1995 refueling outage. Although CPCo's submittal was insufficient to justify an extension until 1995, the NRR and Region III staff agreed that CPCo had sufficiently justified an interim extension until the staff could evaluate CPCo's GL 89-10 program during a fall 1994 inspection.

During September 12-16 and 26-30, 1994, Region III and NRR conducted an inspection of the GL 89-10 program at Palisades. As documented in NRC Inspection Report 50-255/94015 dated November 4, 1994, the inspection results indicated that the Palisades management provided ineffective direction and oversight of the GL 89-10 program.

In a December 5, 1994, response to NRC Inspection Report 50-255/94015, CPCo revised the request for an extension of the GL 89-10 program to 1 month after startup from the 1995 outage. The 1995 refueling outage is currently scheduled to start on May 28, 1995, and is expected to run 80 to 100 days. Based on this current schedule we would expect completion of your program by October 15, 1995. We have reviewed your response and we find the schedule extension to 1 month after the 1995 outage acceptable, based on the understanding that all MOVs will be verified for design-basis capability prior to startup from the 1995 outage, and that the removal of any GL 89-10 MOVs from the program should be appropriately justified. Any such removal may be

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subject to NRC review. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-3024.

Sincerely,

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