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**DOCKET <u>50-255</u> - LICENSE <u>DPR-20</u> - PALISADES PLANT**REPLY TO GENERIC LETTER 96-05 - PERIODIC VERIFICATION OF DESIGN-BASIS CAPABILITY OF SAFETY-RELATED MOTOR-OPERATED VALVES

This letter provides the requested sixty-day reply to Generic Letter 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves". Palisades will implement the identified actions requested in the generic letter. The current program will be reviewed to ensure its effectiveness in verifying, on a periodic basis, that safety-related motor-operated valves (MOV) will continue to be capable of performing their safety functions within our current licensing basis. This action will be completed by March 1, 1997. A written summary description of the periodic verification program will be submitted in the 180-day reply to GL 96-05.

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## SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS.

This letter contains two new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments. The new commitments are:

- 1. The current program will be reviewed to ensure its effectiveness in verifying, on a periodic basis, that safety-related motor-operated valves (MOV) will continue to be capable of performing their safety functions within our current licensing basis.
- 2. A written summary description of the periodic verification program will be submitted in the required 180-day reply.

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## CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY

To the best of my knowledge, the contents of this sixty-day reply to Generic Letter 96-05, "Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves", are truthful and complete.

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this  $24^{-4}$  day of 200 day of 200 1996.

Alora M. Davis, Notary Public

Berrien County, Michigan

(Acting in Van Buren County, Michigan)

My commission expires August 26, 1999

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