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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Docket Nos: 50-329
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APPLICANT: Consumers Power Company
FACILITY: Midland Plant, Units 1 & 2
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF JUNE 18, 1979 MEETING ON REVIEW STATUS OF
MIDLAND PLANT, UNITS 1 & 2

On June 18, 1979 the NRC staff met in Bethesda, Maryland with management personnel from Consumers Power Company (the applicant) to discuss the status of the safety and environmental reviews for Midland Plant, Units 1 & 2. Attendees are listed in Enclosure 1.

The applicant announced that the fuel load date for Unit 2 (the first unit scheduled for operation) has been changed from November 1980 to June 1981, while the fuel load date for Unit 1 remains at November 1981. This results from a revised preoperational testing philosophy by which construction of both Units 1 and 2 will be completed at essentially the same time (about May 1981) and testing on both units will be performed prior to loading fuel in either unit. The applicant stated that site construction is now proceeding to this revised schedule and that construction activities for Unit 1 continues to run ahead of the previous schedule.

The applicant stated that the revised philosophy has the advantage of improved utilization of manpower during testing and subsequent corrective actions. Completion of both units at the same time eases security requirements during that period when Unit 2 is operating and Unit 1 would otherwise have been under construction. The applicant has also experienced some increase in work scope affecting Unit 2, including small piping and cable.

The applicant noted its disagreement with the revised estimate of November 1981 for completion of construction for Unit 2 made by the staffs Caseload Forecast Panel. The applicant requested that a site visit by the Panel be scheduled as soon as possible to resolve differences in the estimates. The staff replied that the licensing schedule for Midland was presently being affected by restructuring of priorities as a result of the March 28, 1979 accident at Three Mile Island, Unit 2 (TMI-2) as discussed in a June 13, 1979 meeting between the Director of NRR and affected utilities. Under this restructuring, the review of the Midland Plant, except for the

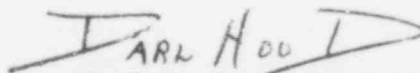
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soils settlement matter, is suspended until January 1980. The staff also noted that no schedule information for remedial actions due to settlement of structures other than the diesel generator building has been provided to date. The TMI-2 accident and settlement matter are not factors in the Forecast Panel's latest estimate; however, these must be considered in any realistic assessment of construction completion. The staff stated that a site visit by the Panel would be scheduled in the near future, consistent with our schedule for obtaining estimates for the scheduler impact of the TMI-2 accident and the soils settlement matter. Further discussions of the soil settlement matter are scheduled for a July 18, 1979 meeting. The applicant also noted that settlement of the diesel generator building with the 20-foot sand preload has essentially stopped, and therefore the achievable consolidation of fill underneath the building has essentially been reached.

The applicant described a special safety task force consisting of eleven full-time members, which it has established to review the TMI-2 accident and other generic items for implications to the Midland Plant. This task force will continue to update the FSAR, including the open items resulting from the staff's review of the Midland FSAR which are identified in a March 30, 1979 staff letter, and will submit monthly amendments to this end. The staff acknowledged that its review of these amendments must be postponed in most branches under the present conditions, but encouraged the applicant to continue these and such measures as will provide for a more efficient and timely review once resumed.

The restructuring of NRC priorities due to TMI-2 has also impacted the environmental review of the Midland Plant. The staff estimates that the Draft Environmental Statement will be issued during the last quarter of 1979. Mr. Dino Scaletti has replaced Mr. O. Lynch as Environmental Project Manager for the staff's review of Midland 1 & 2.



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