

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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June 25, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Neuman 6278 Lake Grove Road Petoskey, Michigan 49770

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Neuman:

Your letter dated April 22, 1980 provided comments regarding the operation of the Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant which is within a ten-mile radius of your residence. You stated that decisions regarding the Big Rock Point int should be based on the health and safety of the people and not on the propositity of the nuclear plant. I assure you that the NRC considers the safety of the public as paramount in its evaluation of proposed actions by licensees. Our evaluation of safety-related issues is documented in our Safety Evaluation Reports. Also considered in our evaluations are the effects on the environment.

You also stated that Consumers Power Company management is one of the poorest in the industry. You may be interested to know that throughout the year the NRC will be evaluating the owners of all nuclear power plants against specific criteria. The result of these evaluations will provide a yardstick to judge the relative performance of each utility.

I hope that this letter is responsive to your concerns.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Crutchfield, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #5

Division of Licensing

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Petoskey, Mich. April 22, 1980

Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U. S. Regulatory Comm., Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Denton.

We are writing regarding the operation of the Big Rock Nuclear Plant at Charlevoix. We live within a ten mile radius, and our concern is for the health and safety of the people in this area.

All the decisions regarding Big Rock should be based on the safety and health for the people--NOT on the profitability of the nuclear plant. Consumers Power management is one of the poorest in the industry. No informed persons with good judgment would invest in such a company.

We hope and trust that you will keep the "people" in mind. We have resided here all our lives -- and it is of real importance to us -- and to our growing families. We ask your support.

Thank you.

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