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Docket Nos. 50-329 &  
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Consumers Power Company  
212 West Michigan Avenue  
Jackson, Michigan 49201

Attention: Mr. Russell C. Youngdahl  
Senior Vice President

Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your request dated May 28, 1970, for an exemption, pursuant to Section 50.12, from the provisions of Section 50.10(b) which would permit the performance of certain work at the site of the Midland Nuclear Power Plant prior to the issuance of a construction permit by the Commission.

You stated that the requested work would permit construction to proceed on a schedule that would make the plant available for commercial operation by the winter of 1974 and maintain that delays at this time would significantly affect the ability of your system to meet the public need for power generation. The requested work consists of: (1) placing of concrete for the substructure of the auxiliary building up to Elevation 614, (2) placing of concrete for the tendon galleries for the Units 1 and 2 reactor buildings, and (3) placing of concrete for the foundations for the Units 1 and 2 reactor buildings. This work includes the placing of embedded items in the foundation slab and walls including reinforcing steel, cadweld connectors, sump liner plates, thickened floor liner plate, liner plate weld backing strips, anchor bolts, door frames, beam brackets, waterstops, pipe sleeves, reactor building mat columns, the tower crane mast section for the temporary crane, and auxiliary building pipe tunnels.

You also stated that reinforcing steel embedded in the reactor building foundation slab will extend into areas to be occupied by the building walls at a later date.

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We have reviewed your request for an exemption under the provisions of Section 50.12 and the reasons set forth in support thereof, and have concluded that the granting of the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby authorizes you, at this time, to proceed with the placement of the concrete to form the substructure of the auxiliary building, the tendon galleries for Units 1 and 2 reactor buildings, and the foundations for Units 1 and 2 reactor buildings, including other embedded items as described in your letters of May 28, 1970, and June 24, 1970.

I wish to emphasize that the granting of this exemption shall have no bearing upon the subsequent granting or denial of a construction permit or of any further exemption for the proposed Midland Nuclear Power Plant, and any work performed pursuant to this exemption shall be performed entirely at the risk of Consumers Power Company. Furthermore, the granting of this exemption does not constitute an approval of the type or adequacy of the method of installation.

Sincerely,

( signed ) Harold L. Price

Harold L. Price  
Director of Regulation

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