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Consumers Power Company
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the meeting held on March 12, 1975, by Messrs. Hunnicutt, Hayes, and LeDoux of this office with you and others of your staff at your corporate offices relative to construction activities at the Midland site authorized by Nuclear Regulatory Commission Construction Permits No. CPPR-81 and No. CPPR-82. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the effectiveness of the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Program for the Midland project.

The meeting focused on the reinforcement steel spacing discrepancies identified in the reactor building and your recent report to the NRC concerning the inadvertent omission of reinforcement steel in a concrete beam located in the auxiliary building. It is recognized that these matters were identified by you or your contractor; however, as discussed in the meeting, we are concerned with the weaknesses in the Midland Quality Assurance Program that permitted these problems to occur and to remain undetected by the first line of quality control. Also discussed during the meeting were the commitments made by both Consumers Power Company and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in testimony before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeals Board, and the need for continued, effective management involvement to assure that those personnel involved in the construction, fabrication, and installation of the Midland Plant understand the need for strict adherence to the implementation of your Quality Assurance Program.

With regard to issues raised during this meeting, we understand that you intend to: (1) complete the safety evaluation and engineering review relative to reactor building reinforcement steel spacing discrepancies identified by Consumers Power Company, (2) continue your review of the safety implications and reportability considerations concerning reinforcement steel omissions identified in the auxiliary



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building, and (3) complete formulation and implementation of corective measures such that similar, future discrepancies will be avoided.

No reply to this letter is necessary; however, should you have any questions concerning this meeting, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely yours,

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