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March 22, 1974

Mr. L. Manning Muntzing Director of Regulation US Atomic Energy Commission Washington, DC 20545

Dear Mr. Muntzing:

Your letter of March 12, 1974 provided guidance on public announcements of events concerning nuclear power plants. Over a year ago, Consumers Power Company started a program of issuing press releases for any nuclear plant shutdown, any event involving an abnormal release of radioactive materials or apparent nonradiological environmental damage. This program was expanded in the fall of 1973 to provide to approximately 50 members of the news media copies of all correspondence originated by Consumers Power Company to the AEC. This program includes all nonroutine and routine reports required by the operating license as well as other items of correspondence concerning the general conduct of our business.

Our review internally leads us to believe that our existing program provides for the announcements contemplated by your letter. I have asked our electric staff to review this matter with Mr. Keppler and to take such steps as are necessary or appropriate to insure complete and continued compliance.

Yours very truly,

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CC: JGKeppler

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