UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AUG2 1 1974 - 112 - 122

In the Matter of )
CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY )
(Midland Plant, Units 1 and 2)

## ORDER

Docket No.

The death of Jerome Garfinkel after the closing of the voluminous record of live testimony presents questions of first impression for the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel and for the Atomic Energy Commission. These questions are: "Should the remaining two members make the initial decision or should a third member of the Board be appointed?" "If a third member is appointed, should the existing record be ignored and a new record made or should the initial decision be made on the existing record?"

Counsel for the parties are requested to brief these questions, citing authorities, to assist the Panel and the

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Commission in resolving them. Briefs should be filed by September 12, 1974.

At the request of the parties speaking through the AEC Staff, the time for filing the proposed findings of fact is extended to September 24, 1974.

THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL

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Hugh K. Clark, Chairman (acting)

J. Wenn Zeerle J. Venn Leeds, Member

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