NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

October 14, 1976

Dr. Dade W. Moeller Chairman, Livisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards 1016 - H Street Washington, D.C. 20555



RE: CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY (MIDLAND PLANT, UNITS 1 & 2), DOCKET NOS. 50-329/330

Dear Dr. Moeller:

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Aeschliman v. NRC, Appeal Nos. 73-1776 and 73-1867 (July 21, 1976), ruled that your Committee's report on the Midland facility should be returned to the ACRS for clarification, in particular for further elaboration on the reference to "other problems".

This Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has been reconvened by the Commission to conduct the reopened proceedings required by the above-identified Court decision. This reopened hearing includes the issue of clarification of the ACRS report. As required by the Court, we are hereby returning the ACRS report of June 18, 1970, with its supplement of September 23, 1970, to you for clarification. Would you advise us of what action your Committee is taking or plans to take with regard to Midland in response to the Court order. We would also appreciate an estimate of the time that will be required for the clarification called for by the Court.

A prompt reply would be helpful to the Board in assessing scheduling requirements for the reopened proceeding.

Very truly yours,

Daniel M. Head, Chairman

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Enclosure: ACRS report

cc w/o encl: Harold L. Reis, Esquire

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Exhibit A.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this day of OCX 1976.

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Office of the Secretary of the Commission

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