



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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October 1, 1980

Docket Nos. 50-155  
and 50-255

Mr. David P. Hoffman  
Nuclear Licensing Administrator  
Consumers Power Company  
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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 35 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-6 for the Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant and Amendment No. 61 to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-20 for the Palisades Plant, in response to your submittals of July 11, 1980 (transmitted by letter dated July 24, 1980).

The amendments modify License Nos. DPR-6 and DPR-20 to include a requirement to maintain a Safeguards Contingency Plan to be fully implemented, in accordance with 10 CFR 73.40(b), within 30 days of this approval by the Commission.

We have completed our review and evaluation of your Safeguards Contingency Plans and have concluded that the plans for the Big Rock Point and Palisades Plants, when fully implemented, will provide the protection needed to meet the general performance requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(p) and 73.40(b) and the objectives of the specific requirements of 10 CFR 73.55(h) and Appendix C to 10 CFR 73. We, therefore, further conclude that your Safeguards Contingency Plans are acceptable.

Changes which would not decrease the effectiveness of your approved Safeguards Contingency Plans may be made without approval by the Commission pursuant to the authority of 10 CFR 50.54(p). A report containing a description of each change shall be furnished to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, with a copy to the appropriate NRC Regional Office within two months after the change is made. Records of changes made without Commission approval shall be maintained for a period of two years from the date of the change.

These amendments apply to the Safeguards Contingency Plans and, therefore, do not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level, and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that these amendments involve actions which are insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4) that an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of these amendments.

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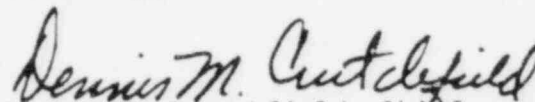
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Since these amendments apply to the Safeguards Contingency Plans, they do not involve significant new safety information of a type not considered by a previous Commission safety review of the facilities. They do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, do not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin and, therefore, do not involve a significant hazards consideration. We have also concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by these actions and that the issuance of these amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

We will continue to withhold your Safeguards Contingency Plans and related materials from public disclosure in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.790(d).

A copy of the Notice of Issuance is also enclosed.

Sincerely,



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1. Amendment No. 35  
to DPR-6
2. Amendment No. 61  
to DPR-20
3. Notice

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