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Dear Ms. Bier and Ms. Johns:

This letter is in response to your petitions dated November 4, 1979 and January 6, 1980 requesting that the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation issue an order to Consumers Power Company to delay restart of the Big Rock Point Plant pending resolution of certain concerns considered by you to be safety issues.

As stated in our letter dated December 4, 1979, the petitions were not received before restart of the plant. Consequently, the petitions have been treated as a request for an order to show cause why Facility Operating License No. DPR-6 for the Big Rock Point Plant should not be suspended pending resolution of the issues you raised.

By letter dated March 5, 1980 we issued a Safety Assessment relating to these concerns and concluded that there was sufficient assurance of safety to permit the plant to continue operating, pending final disposition of the issues raised. Based on the evaluation contained in the Safety Assessment we advised you that there was no need for emergency actions. By letter dated April 14, 1980, the Acting Secretary of the Commission issued a statement related to the Commission's review of our March 5, 1980 Assessment. That statement indicated that the Commission was taking no action with respect to my decision of March 5, 1980.

Your petitions have been considered under the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. This office has determined, for reasons set forth in the enclosed "Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206," not to issue an order to show cause why Facility Operating License DPR-6 for Consumers Power Company's Big Rock Point Plant should not be suspended.

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A copy of the decision is being filed with the Secretary for further Commission review in accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.206(c). As provided in 10 CFR 2.206 (c), the decision will constitute the final action of the Commission twenty days after the date of issuance of the decision unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the decision within that time.

A copy of the Notice of Issuance of the Director's Decision, which is being filed with the Office of Federal Register for publication, is also enclosed.

Ordered by  
G. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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