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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY

(Midland Plant, Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos. 50-329

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE (March 9, 1978)

Fursuant to the remand order of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Aeschliman v. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 547 F.2d 622 (D.C. Cir. 1976), and to the directions of the Commission in CLI-76-11, 4 NRC 65 (1976) and CLI-76-14, 4 NRC 163 (1976), the record in this proceeding has been reopened for consideration on the merits of the remanded and certain other issues. The Appeal Board, in affirming (ALAB-458, February 14, 1978) the Licensing Board's decision not to suspend the construction permit pending a decision on the merits, has identified the following matters to be considered at future hearings:

- Appraisal of the environmental impact of the nuclear fuel cycle (ALAB-458, Slip Opinion, pp. 3, 13).
- Consideration of the possible effects of energy conservation in reducing or eliminating the need for a plant of this size (ALAB-458, p. 3, 15).
- Consideration of whether changed circumstances have affected the Dow Chamical Company's need for process steam which it is to receive from one of the units under an existing contract (ALAB-458, pp. 3,21).

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- 4. Consideration of "unresolved safety issues", "design problems", "other problems" and their "resolution", "additional matters of concern to the committee", and "clarification of the ambiguities" involved in the ACRS letters and reports, as discussed in the Aeschliman opinion (547 F.2d 622, 630-632) and referred to by the Appeal Board (ALAB-458, Slip Opinion, pp. 4, 24-5, 43).
- 5. A full airing and resolution of charges "relating to an alleged, albeit unsuccessful, attempt by the applicant to prevent full disclosure of the facts relating to Dow's intentions with regard to its contract." Both this matter and the merits of the ACRS's unresolved safety issues are to be explored further by the Licensing Board, whether or not the parties are themselves otherwise interested in pursuing these matters (ALAB-458, Slip Opinion, pp. 30,43).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.752, a prehearing conference will be held on April 20-21, 1978 for the purpose of identifying the issues, setting a hearing schedule and considering such matters as may aid in the orderly disposition of this reopened proceeding on remand.

The parties are requested to have in the hands of the Board by April 14, 1978, the following papers:

(a) A prehearing statement or brief which shall set forth, in the form of contentions, all issues to be covered in the remarded hearing.

- (b) Stipulations concerning the existing record, any relevant facts, n the contents and authenticity of documents.
- (c) A list of witnesses and exhibits which each party intends to produce at the hearing, with a brief summary of each.
- (d) All motions with supporting documents or briefs.
- (e) A proposed hearing schedule.

Please take notice that a prehearing conference will be held at 9:00 a.m., local time, on April 20, 1978 in the U. S. Court of Appeals' 27th Floor, Auxiliary Courtroom,/Everett McKinley Dirksen Building, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland

this 9th day of March 1978.

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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, B.C. this day of March 197 8.

Office of the Secretary of the Commission

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