Mr. Russell I. Bjorkman, President Michigan State Utility Workers Council Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO 402 Security Savings & Loan Building 115 West Michigan Avenue Jackson, Michigan 49201

Dear Mr. Bjorkman:

This is in response to your letter of June 21, 1971, to Nay. Mayhue A. Bell.

The Big Rock Point plant was shutdown early this year for a refueling outage and has since resumed operation. We know of no further planned shutdown this year, although one might be scheduled at any time, at the discretion of the facility licensee, as long as the requirements of the facility license and our regulations are met.

With regard to the Palisades plant, a public hearing under the auspices of an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is still in progress. We are not able to predict either the date of completion or the results of this hearing.

Sincerely.

Original Signed by Peter & Merris

Peter A. Morris, Director Division of Reactor Licensing