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December 11, 1981

In the Matter of Consumers Power Company (Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant), Docket No. 50-155-OLA (Spent Fuel Pool Modification)

Gentlemen:

RE:

Consumers Power Company has recently completed a review of the reports and correspondence that comprise the totality of the Licensee's application in support of the pending license amendment to expand the spent fuel pool capacity. It appears that all pertinent materials have been previously furnished to the Licensing Board and the parties with the exception of two letters.

One letter, dated August 14, 1980, requests the NRC Staff to issue a license amendment to the technical specifications of the Big Rock Point Plant that would incorporate a requirement to perform functional testing of the trip mechanism of the fuel transfer cask safety catch. The second letter, dated May 8, 1981, sets forth Licensee's commitment to refrain from moving the fuel transfer cask during reactor power operation. These letters are enclosed.

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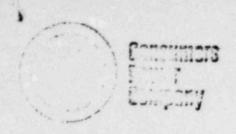
Licensee is presently reorganizaing the various pieces of material that comprise the application into one cohesive document. The purpose of this effort is to facilitate the evidentiary presentation of the application at the upcoming hearings in this case. Copies will be forwarded as soon as they are available.

Sincerely,

Joseph Gallo

Enclosures JG/pm

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August 14, 1980

Director, Nuclear Reactor Regulation Att Mr Dennis M Crutchfield, Chief Operating Projects Branch No 5 US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

DOCKET 50-155 - LICENSE DPR-6 -BIG ROCK POINT PLANT - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE REQUEST -REFUELING OPERATION

Attached are three (3) original and thirty-seven (37) copies of a request to change the Big Rock Point Technical Specifications. The enclosed change is provided at the request of the Commission to incorporate functional testing of the trip mechanism of the fuel transfer cask safety catch in the Technical Specifications.

This change has been determined to be a Class III change pursuant to 10 CFR 170.22; a check in the amount of \$4,000 is attached.

David P Hoffman (Signed)

David P Hoffman Nuclear Licensing Administrator

CC JGKeppler, USNRC NRC Resident Inspector - Big Rock Point

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7.4 (Contd)

- (e) The liquid poison system shall be available and ready for use.
- (f) Containment sphere integrity provisions shall be in effect during refueling operations.
- (g) Unirradiated fuel shall normally be stored in air in a new fuel storage area within the containment sphere.
- (h) Irradiated fuel and irradiated channels shall be stored in the spent fuel storage pool.
- (i) The minimum refueling crew during refueling operations shall be four men. There shall be a licensed operator in the control room at all times, and the Shift Supervisor shall be in charge.
- (j) Functional testing of the trip mechanism of the fuel transfer cask safety catch device shall be performed prior to commencing refueling activities.

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7.5.7 It shall be permissible to remove a control rod drive from the reactor vessel when the reactor is in the shutdown condition and the mode selector switch is locked in the "shutdown" position.

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CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY Docket 50-155 Request for Change to the Technical Specifications License DPR-6

For the reasons hereinafter set forth, it is requested that the Technical Specifications contained in the Facility Operating License DPR-6, Docket 50-155, issued to Consumers Power Company on May 1, 1964, for the Big Rock Point Plant be changed as described in Section I below:

I. Change(s)

Add the following paragraph to Section 7.4,

"(j) Functional testing of the trip mechanism of the fuel transfer cask safety catch device shall be performed prior to commencing refueling activities."

Note: Revised Technical Specifications page attached

II. Discussion

The above proposed Technical Specifications change is requested pursuant to the Commission's request to require functional testing of the fuel transfer cask safety catch device prior to use for refueling activities. The Commission's request is based on its need to assure the testing will be done through use of the Technical Specifications so that the credit given for the safety device's existence in their February 1976 Safety Evaluation Report on cask drop is not compromised. Presently, Big Rock Point is accomplishing this activity through its maintenance procedure system.

III. Conclusion(s)

Based on the foregoing, both the Big Rock Point Plant Review Committee and the Safety and Audit Review Board have reviewed this change and find it acceptable.

CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY

By R B DeWitt (Signed)
R B DeWitt
Vice President-Nuclear Operations

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14th day of August 1980.

Linda K Carstens (Signed)
Linda K Carstens, Notary Public
Jackson County, Michigan
My commission expires June 10, 1981.

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May 8, 1981

Director, Nuclear Reactor Regulation Att Mr Dennis M Crutchfield, Chief Operating Reactors Branch No 5 US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

DOCKET 50-155 - LICENSE DPR-6 -BIG ROCK POINT PLANT - MOVEMENT OF THE FUEL TRANSFER CASK (24 TON)

This submittal is intended to reconfirm Consumers Power Company's commitment to not move the Fuel Transfer Cask (24 Ton) during reactor power operation. This commitment is made to mitigate the need for additional protective measures as would be required for cask drop consideration during power operation.

Gregory C Withrow (Signed)

Gregory C Withrow Senior Licensing Engineer

CC Director, Region III, USNRC NRC Resident Inspector - Big Rock Point

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