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Facility: Consumers Power Company
 Palisades Nuclear Power Station
 Docket No. 50-255
 Covert, MI 49043

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 _____ Notification of Unusual Event
 _____ Alert
 _____ Site Area Emergency
 _____ General Emergency
xx _____ Not Applicable

Subject: RETURN TO OPERATIONS AFTER SIX-WEEK OUTAGE

The reactor was made critical at 10:25 a.m., September 2, 1982, ending an outage which began July 12, 1982, for repair of both cooling tower pumps. Additional maintenance and modification work was completed during the outage.


The modification design for the electrical load sequencer is still being developed (see PNO-III-82-81), and procedures have been prepared in the interim which call for operator action to restart the sequencer in the event of a loss-of-off-site power if followed by a loss of coolant accident. Because of a design deficiency, the sequencer would not automatically provide power from the diesel generator to emergency core cooling system equipment if the ECCS equipment was needed after a loss of off-site power.


The procedures were tested by the licensee September 1, 1982, prior to being authorized by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to start up. The Resident Inspectors observed the test and were in the control room during startup activities.


The licensee normally reports changes in the Palisades operating status to the news media. Region III (Chicago) does not plan to issue a news announcement.

The State of Michigan will be notified.

Region III was notified of the plant's return to service on September 2, 1982, by the resident inspectors. This information is current as of 8 a.m., September 3, 1982.

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