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

Gentlemen:

EDWARD S. ISHAM. 1872-1902

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The remotely activated makeup water system (hereinafter referred to as the "makeup line") was litigated during the June hearings as one genuine issue of fact under Christa-Maria Contention VIII and O'Neill Contention III E-2. In particular the intervenors contested the reliability of the makeup line. The makeup line had been installed by Consumers Power Company for, among other reasons, to address the assertions made under the foregoing contentions.

Consumers Power Company now intends to replace the installed one-inch makeup line with a new inch and one-quarter makeup line. Information concerning the reasons for this action will be furnished to the Board and the parties as soon as I receive it from my client. However, it is clear to me that this proposed action requires a reopening of the hearing record on what is now called genuine issue of fact (1) under the foregoing contentions. Accordingly, I request that the litigation of the issue be held in abeyance pending further developments.

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Findings of fact and Conclusions of Law were filed by the parties on August 23, 1982. Reply findings will be due on Monday, September 13. These findings covered three of the admitted genuine issues of fact under the foregoing contentions. Genuine issue (1) dealt with the reliability of the makeup line. It is this issue that should be held in abeyance pending further development. Genuine issues (2) and (3) dealt with the spent fuel pool water level monitor and motor operated valves, respectively. The litigation process should continue with respect to these two issues.

Sincerely,

Joseph Gallo

One of the attorneys for Consumers Power Company

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