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ITEM II.F.1, ATTACHMENTS 1 & 2 -
STACK GAS MONITORING SYSTEM, STATUS UPDATE

Consumers Power Company's letter dated January 4, 1983 provided notification that the earliest date by which the Big Rock Point Stack Gas Monitoring System could be declared operational would be April 1, 1983. This letter is in response to an NRC request to update the status of the system.

The calibration and testing of the system has been completed. Finalization of operating and calibration procedures is nearly complete. Training will be accomplished in the near future. Equipment problems have been evaluated and minor modifications to the system are planned to resolve these problems. However, spare parts have not yet been received to support operation of the new system. The vendor (Victoreen) has failed to provide any expected delivery dates for these spare parts. It is not known whether they will be available in time to support the previous April 1 installation date. It is Consumers Power Company's position that the system cannot be put into service until adequate spare parts are on hand to allow repairs to be made in a reasonable amount of time should the system malfunction.

Therefore, based on previous unsatisfactory vendor performance, it is difficult to establish a commitment date for the delivery of the required spare parts. However, Consumers Power Company is confident that we can

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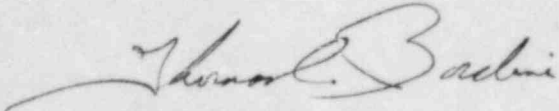
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resolve the vendor delivery problems and provide assurance that the parts will be on hand to put the system in operation by the end of 1983 at the very latest.



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