UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges: Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman Dr. Frederick P. Cowan Dr. Jerry Harbour SERVER SEP 301982

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In the Matter of CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY (Midland Plant, Units 1 and 2) Docket Nos. 50-329 OM 50-330 OM Docket Nos. 50-329 OL 50-330 OL

September 29, 1982

MEMORANDUM

(Telephone Conference Call of September 27, 1982)

On September 27, 1982 the NRC Staff initiated a telephone conference call to advise the parties of the contents of a forthcoming Board Notification concerning soils remedial QA procedures that may bear on the Board's consideration of Stamiris' motion for a partial initial decision on QA adequacy in soils remedial work prior to commencement of remedial underpinning excavations at the Midland Plant site. Participants were Judge Jerry Harbour of the Licensing Board, Mr. William Paton for the NRC Staff, Messrs. Philip Steptoe and James Brunner for the Applicant, Ms. Barbara Stamiris (pro se), and Ms. Mary Sinclair.

1. The Staff advised the parties that on September 24, 1982 the NRC Staff (Keppler) had sent a letter to Consumers Power Company (James Cook) confirming actions that the Staff understood to have been taken earlier by CPCo in regard to requalification of soils-remedial QC inspectors under the consolidation of the Bechtel and CPCo QA personnel and program. The CPCo

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actions had been taken in response to notification that NRC Region III personnel were not satisfied with the requalification by oral examination, alone, of soils-remedial QC inspectors under the QA consolidation.

The actions to be taken by CPCo are understood to be:

a. All work on remedial soils has been stopped with the exception of those continuous activities such as maintaining the freeze-wall and well pumping.

b. All examinations related to remedial soils QC requalification have stopped and all QC personnel previously certified have been decertified.

c. A retraining program will be established and conducted for all QC personnel who failed and for future failures.

d. A written examination will be developed for all QC requalification examinations in the area of remedial soils.

2. In response to Ms. Stamiris' question, the NRC Staff stated that the NRC will be considering imposition of similar controls in other QA areas in future meetings with CPCo.

3. The NRC Staff will keep the Board and parties informed of the date and locations of these meetings and of the outcome of deliberations resulting therefrom.

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September 29, 1982 Bethesda, Maryland