UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY Docket no. 50-255-OLA (Palisades Nuclear Plant)

NRC STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR INDEFINITE CONTINUANCE

At the prehearing conference held on September 21, 1982, the Applicant requested an indefinite continuance. (Tr. at 188-193). The Board indicated that Applicant should file a formal motion that this matter be held in abeyance or continued indefinitely. (Tr. at 211-213). On October 5, 1982, Applicant filed a motion requesting that this proceeding be deferred indefinitely, if it is not dismissed due to the Intervenors' lack of prosecution. Motion at 3. As stated at the prehearing conference (Tr. at 202), the Staff has no objection to Applicant's Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 25th day of October, 1982

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