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Facility: Consumers Power Company
Midland Nuclear Plant Units 1 & 2
Midland, MI 48640
Docket Nos: 50-329, 50-330

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

Subject: LICENSEE PROPOSES HALTING ALL CONSTRUCTION AT MIDLAND (UPDATE)

Consumers Power Company's Board of Directors has postponed a decision on the future of the Midland project pending the results of renewed negotiations between representatives of the utility and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

The Board had been expected to halt all work at Midland after negotiations broke off June 26, 1984, between the licensee and a coalition of state, community, and public interest groups in Jackson, Michigan. The licensee had been meeting with the coalition in an attempt to reach an agreement on the future financing of the Midland project. However, on the evening of June 26, John Engler, Michigan Senate Majority Leader, requested that the licensee and the Michigan Public Service Commission resume negotiations. The licensee's Board of Directors, at a meeting in Jackson June 27, agreed to postpone a decision as the result of Senator Engler's intervention. Negotiations between James B. Falahee, Vice Chairman of the Board, and Roger Fischer, Chief of Staff of the Michigan Public Service Commission, are to begin at 1 p.m., (EDT), June 27, in Jackson, and will continue until July 3.

If the issue has not been settled by that time, the utility's Board may once again take up the issue of whether to halt all work at the site. In the meantime, the licensee on June 26 began the orderly shutdown of the plant and sent home 1500 craftsmen until further notice. The site has a workforce of 6000 persons.

There has been news media interest. Region III (Chicago) is responding to inquiries.

The State of Michigan is aware of the latest developments.

Region III was first informed of the Board's decision about 11 a.m. (CDT), June 27, 1984. This information is current as of 12:30 p.m. (CDT), June 27, 1984.

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