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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-255

NOTICE OF DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has denied a portion of a request by Consumers Power Company (the licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-20 issued to the licensee for operation of the Palisades Plant located in Van Buren County, Michigan. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on November 27, 1995 (60 FR 58399).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Facility Operation License (FOL) to reference 10 CFR Part 40, allow the use of source materials as reactor fuel, delete references to specific amendments and specific revisions in the listed titles of the Physical Security Plan, Suitability Training and Qualification Plan, and the Safeguards Contingency Plan, delete paragraph 2.F on reporting requirements, and make minor editorial changes to the license. The Technical Specifications (TS) would also be revised to: (1) modify TS 3.1.2 to change the pressurizer cooldown limit from 100°F to 200°F/hour; (2) relocate the shield cooling system requirements to the Final Safety Analysis Report; (3) make minor editorial changes and corrections; and (4) revise several TS bases pages.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request to delete paragraph 2.F of the FOL cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated April 5, 1996 .

By May 10, 1996 , the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

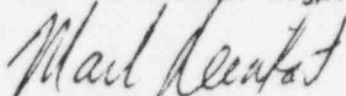
A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Judd L. Bacon, Esquire, Consumers Power Company, 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated October 17, 1995, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated April 5, 1996 .

These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Van Wylen Library, Hope College, Holland, Michigan 49423.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of April 1996.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission



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