



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket Nos.: 50-329/330

APPLICANT: Consumers Power Company  
FACILITY: Midland Plant, Units 1 and 2  
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF AUGUST 25, 1980 MEETING ON LICENSING STATUS OF THE  
MIDLAND PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

On August 25, 1980 management personnel from Consumers Power Company (the applicant) and the NRC staff met in Bethesda, Maryland to review briefly the potential timing and methods for resuming the NRC's formal docket review of the Midland Plant application. This was a followup meeting to that of June 13, 1980 during which the need of preparations for resumption of the review and the need for efficiencies in the review process were recognized. The Midland OL review has been suspended since the March 28, 1979 accident at Three Mile Island, Unit 2. Meeting attendees are listed in Enclosure 1. The meeting duration was two hours.

On the basis of its latest (forecast #6) completed construction schedules which reflect changes due to TMI-2 requirements, NRC open issues and other construction matters, the applicant noted that licensing could delay the scheduled fuel load unless the NRC resumes full review of the OL application immediately. This is illustrated by the applicants enclosed proposed licensing schedule. The applicant's schedule for Unit 2 calls for a July 1983 fuel load and December 1983 commercial operation. For Unit 1, the corresponding dates are December 1983 and July 1984 (electrical and steam). The staff noted that the July 29, 1980 visit by the NRC's Caseload Forecast Panel and a followup meeting on August 22, 1980 resulted in a finding of reasonable agreement with the applicant's projected construction completion estimates; the Panel's projected dates are about three months later. The staff intends to prepare and process a licensing schedule change request on the basis of the Panel's revised estimates; however, such processing will recognize the staff's overall workload priorities and resources and the processed result may not necessarily coincide with the construction completion dates.

The applicant described a review plan emphasizing the full use of previously completed review efforts and the use of proposed guidelines to determine whether repeated or reopened staff reviews of particular questions and other potential new requirements would provide substantial additional protection to public health and safety. The staff rejected these proposed guidelines and noted that any procedures for the conduct of staff review must be left entirely to the NRC as a matter of NRC administrative policy.

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The NRC Director of NRR, Mr. H. Denton, reviewed previous trial approaches which have provided for efficient use of staff resources in the review process. This included the approach used on Palo Verde in which the Utility utilized outside consultants to supplement its internal reviews of its systems to meet the Commission's regulations, and in which the NRC staff participated in the applicant's internal meetings. The approach used on Susquehanna for the seismic qualification review by the NRC was also cited as an example of review efficiency. Mr. Denton stated that the Palo Verde results, in particular, were most encouraging, and that the NRC would be willing to participate in a similar approach for Midland. Mr. Selby of Consumers Power Company replied that this approach would be examined further, but noted that the success of this or any other approach would be doubtful unless a sustained core of staff reviewers can be assigned to the project through review completion, particularly in the reactor systems and electrical systems branches.

Mr. Denton also noted that current FSARs and PSARs are deficient in their explicit display of conformance to each of the Commission's rules and regulations of significance to safety. The staff will require explicit documentation in the Midland FSAR upon which to base its conclusions pursuant to 10 CFR 50.57(a)(1) and (2).

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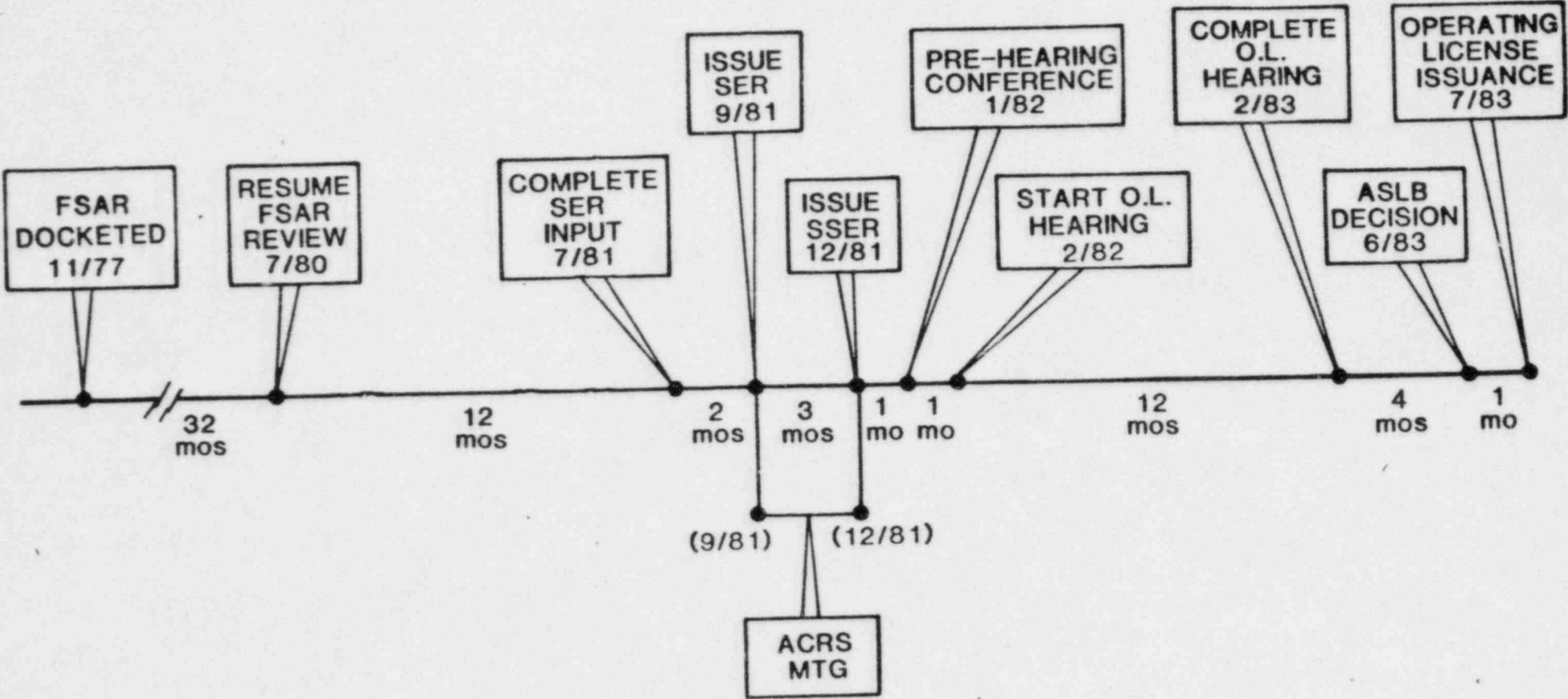
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FIGURE 1.3-1

# LICENSING SCHEDULE FOR THE MIDLAND NUCLEAR PLANT

*(Proposed by Consumers Power Company)*



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