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February 20, 1986

Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. F. W. Buckman  
Vice President  
Nuclear Operations  
212 West Michigan Avenue  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Messrs. A. L. Madison, J. S. Wiebe, and P. L. Hartmann on January 6 through 8, 1986, of activities at the Palisades Nuclear Plant authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-20 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. Firlit and members of his staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was intended as a followup to the March 1985 maintenance team inspection (Inspection Report No. 50-255/85003(DRP)) and the October 1985 special inspection (Inspection Report No. 50-255/85024(DRP)) and resultant Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL 85-15). The purpose of the inspection was to assess your progress in addressing the issues identified in the above CAL and determine the need for additional measures. The inspection covered a broad spectrum of maintenance related areas.

While your progress to date appears to be satisfactory, we will continue to closely follow your actions in the maintenance area. We plan to conduct additional followup inspections prior to startup following the current refueling outage to determine adequacy of program development and elimination of maintenance order backlog concerns and subsequent to startup to review the continued effectiveness of your corrective actions.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by N.J. Chrissotimos"

C. E. Norelius, Director  
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report  
No. 50-255/86003(DRP)

cc w/enclosures:

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