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Docket No. 50-155

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: David P. Hoffman
Vice President
Nuclear Operations
212 West Michigan Avenue
Jackson, MI 49201

Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Ms. Peggy R. Rescheske of this office on July 11 through September 6, 1988, of activities at the Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant, authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-06, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. T. W. Elward and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection focused on the problems encountered with the Wide Range Monitors during the plant startup from the 1988 refueling outage, and the resultant LER which documented the event. Other issues were also examined during the course of the inspection.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Notice. The inspection showed that actions had been taken to correct the identified violation and to prevent recurrence. Our understanding of your corrective actions is described in Paragraph 2 of the enclosed inspection report. Consequently, no reply to the violation is required and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time.

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

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

Sincerely,

original signed by M. J. Jordan for

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G. C. Wright, Chief
Operations Branch

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-155/88017(DRS)

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cc w/enclosures:

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