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Docket No. 50-255

Consumers Power Company
ATTN: Dr. F. W. Buckman
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Nuclear Operations
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Gentlemen:

This letter confirms the conversation on May 21, 1986 between you and E. G. Greenman of this office. The conversation related to our concerns over multiple equipment failures at the Palisades facility, as demonstrated by the May 19 reactor trip event and associated equipment failures, the potential for serious challenges to safety systems that they pose, and the burden failures of this type place on your operator staff in order to maintain the plant in a safe operating condition. With regard to the matters discussed, we understand that you will complete the following actions:

1. You will immediately take the facility to the cold shutdown condition;
2. You will not restart the facility (i.e. place the facility in a condition higher than hot standby) until:
 - (a) a thorough investigation into the causes and implications of the May 19, 1986 reactor trip is completed;
 - (b) a thorough investigation of plant safety systems and balance of plant systems important to safety, with regard to operability and required maintenance, is completed;
 - (c) The Regional Administrator, or his designee, is briefed on the results of the investigations and the corrective actions taken or planned; and
 - (d) you obtain the approval of the Regional Administrator, or his designee.

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Should your understanding differ from that stated above, please inform this office immediately.

Sincerely,

James G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

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