

July 30, 1997

Consumers Energy
Attn: Mr. Robert J. Addy
Plant Manager
Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant
10269 US-31 North
Charlevoix, MI 49720

Dear Mr. Addy:

I am responding to the July 9, 1996, letter from Consumers Power signed by Plant Manager Patrick M. Donnelly, requesting a partial exemption from the FY 1997 annual fee requirements of 10 CFR 171.15 for the Big Rock Point Plant. He requested that a partial fee exemption be granted that directs Big Rock Point to pay 6.5% of the amount charged a modern boiling water reactor. He further stated that the bases for the partial exemption are essentially unchanged from those provided and considered for fiscal years 1987 through 1996.

The final rule for FY 1997 which became effective on July 28, 1997, grants a partial exemption from the annual fee for FY 1997 for the Big Rock Point Plant. Your company has been billed \$209,088 on Invoice AR0440-97 for the FY 1997 fee. Any exemption requests for subsequent years should be filed in accordance with 10 CFR 171.

Sincerely,
Letter signed by
Jesse L. Funches
Chief Financial Officer

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