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Docket No. 50-155

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

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. Stephen Guthrie of this office on January 28 through April 23, 1987, of activities at Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-6 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. David Hoffman at the conclusion of the inspection.

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. The incident determined to be in violation is one of three events in this inspection period which have as common contributing factors personnel error or inattentiveness and the occurrence of a shift change of operating crews. In your response to the enclosed Notice please address your plan to improve communications between operating crews to ensure continuity of control of the facility and your proposed actions to improve operator attentiveness and reduce personnel errors.

In addition, we continue to be concerned over leakage identified in the emergency condenser. We understand you are developing a program to address this concern, and we encourage corrective action on a priority basis. The scope and scheduling of your proposed actions will be the subject of future inspection activity.

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

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

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY W. G. GULDEMOND

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Enclosures:

1. Inspection Report
No. 50-155/87005(DRP)
2. Notice of Violation

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