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DOCKET 50-255 - LICENSE DPR-20 - PALISADES PLANT
TRANSMITTAL OF RELAP INPUT DECK FOR THE PALISADES LOSS OF
EXTERNAL LOAD ANALYSIS

The NRC has asked that the Palisades Plant forward Palisades specific thermal/hydraulic data which could be used by the NRC to reevaluate 10CFR50.61 Pressurized Thermal shock (PTS) and thereby potentially extend the date that Palisades reaches the PTS screening criteria. In order for the NRC to run calculations using RELAP5 for Palisades, Consumers Energy requested that Siemens Power Corporation (SPC) provide an input deck for ANF-RELAP, with accompanying documentation, that the NRC can use as a starting point for this reevaluation effort. SPC has provided that information to Consumers Energy and has requested the information be controlled as proprietary.

As required by 10CFR 2.790(b), an affidavit from Siemens Power Corporation is enclosed (Attachment 1) to support the withholding of the proprietary information contained in the SPC input deck for ANF-RELAP.

The enclosed 3.5 inch diskette (Enclosure 1) contains the propriety ANF-RELAP input deck used for the Palisades LOEL analysis. The applicable calculation notebooks which describe the development of this input deck will be submitted at a later date.

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SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS

This letter contains no new commitments and no revisions to existing commitments.



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Attachment
Enclosure

ATTACHMENT 1

**CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
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**AFFIDAVIT TO SUPPORT WITHHOLDING
OF SIEMENS POWER COMPANY
INPUT DECK FOR ANF-RELAP**

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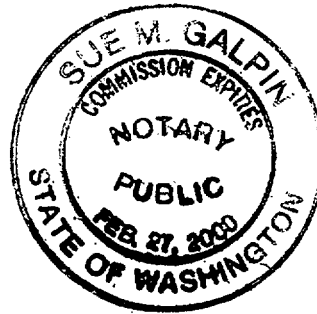
13. The foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Gerald S. Helm

SUBSCRIBED before me this 2nd
day of December, 1999.

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