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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 3rd day of December 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-155]

Consumers Energy Company; Big Rock Point Plant; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering approval of a request to dispose of demolition debris in accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) section 20.2002 for Facility Operating License No. DPR-6, issued to Consumers Energy Company, (the licensee), for the possession of the Big Rock Point (BRP) Plant, located in Charlevoix County, Michigan. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve the disposal of BRP Plant demolition debris that could contain trace quantities of licensed materials in a State of Michigan landfill. The debris would consist of flooring materials, concrete, rebar, roofing materials, structural steel, soils associated with digging up foundations, and concrete and/or asphalt pavement or other similar solid materials originating from decommissioning activities. A radiological survey process would be used to determine if the debris is acceptable for landfill disposal. The request for approval is submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 20.2002 due to the potential presence of licensed material in the debris.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application requesting approval dated March 14, 2001, as supplemented by letters dated May 18 and June 20, 2001.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to dispose of demolition debris that may contain trace quantities of licensed material in a State of Michigan landfill prior to license termination as opposed to (1) terminating the license with the material remaining onsite (either with structures intact or demolished) in accordance with 10 CFR 20, subpart E, or (2) handling the debris as low level radioactive waste and shipping it to a low level waste facility. As stated in the proposal, the licensee does not intend to make this submittal for intentional disposal of radioactive waste, but recognizes that a potential exists for trace quantities of licensed material to be present at levels below instrument detection capabilities. Disposal of the demolition debris in the manner proposed is protective of public health and safety, is consistent with as low as reasonably achievable, and is the most cost-effective alternative.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the environmental impacts of processing the total waste projected for BRP (635,100 cubic feet), which includes the 563,000 cubic feet of demolition debris proposed to be sent to a State of Michigan landfill, are bounded by the NUREG-0586, "Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities," (GEIS) evaluation of 18,975 cubic meters (670,096 cubic feet) of waste disposal for a generic boiling water reactor. Adherence to the radiological survey process would ensure that the potential radiological dose posed by the demolition debris to a transport worker, a landfill worker, or a member of the public is conservatively estimated at a maximum of 1.0 millirem/year.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic

sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in (1) terminating the license for unrestricted use in accordance with 10 CFR part 20, subpart E, with the demolition debris remaining onsite (either with structures intact or demolished), or (2) handling the debris as low level radioactive waste and shipping it to a low level waste facility. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in BRP's Environmental Report for Decommissioning, dated February 27, 1995, or in the GEIS.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On May 22, 2001, the staff consulted with the Michigan State official, Mr. David W. Minnaar of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Drinking Water and Radiological Protection Division, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated March 14, 2001, as supplemented by letters dated May 18 and June 20, 2001. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public

Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Payment of Premiums

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of the collection of information under its regulation on Payment of Premiums (29 CFR part 4007), including Form 1-ES, Form 1-EZ, Form 1, and Schedule A to Form 1, and related instructions (OMB control number 1212-0009). The collection of information also includes a certification (on Form 1-EZ and on Schedule A) of compliance with requirements to provide certain notices to participants under the PBGC's regulation on Disclosure to Participants (29 CFR part 4011). This notice informs the public of the request for OMB approval and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by January 7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Washington, DC 20503. The request for extension (including the collection of information) will be available for public inspection at the Communications and Public Affairs Department of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, suite 240, 1200 K

Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

Copies of the request for extension (including the collection of information) may be obtained without charge by writing to the PBGC's Communications and Public Affairs Department at the address given above or calling 202-326-4040. (For TTY and TDD, call 800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4040.) The premium payment regulation can be accessed on the PBGC's Web site at www.pbgc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, or Deborah C. Murphy, Staff Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024. (For TTY and TDD, call 800-877-8339 and request connection to 202-326-4024.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4007 of Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") requires the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") to collect premiums from pension plans covered under Title IV pension insurance programs. Pursuant to ERISA section 4007, the PBGC has issued its regulation on Payment of Premiums (29 CFR part 4007). Section 4007.3 of the premium payment regulation requires plans, in connection with the payment of premiums, to file certain forms prescribed by the PBGC, and section 4007.10 requires plans to retain and make available to the PBGC records supporting or validating the computation of premiums paid.

The forms prescribed are PBGC Form 1-ES, Form 1-EZ, and Form 1 and (for single-employer plans only) Schedule A to Form 1. Form 1-ES is issued, with instructions, in the PBGC's Estimated Premium Payment Package. Form 1-EZ, Form 1 and Schedule A are issued, with instructions, in the PBGC's Annual Premium Payment Package.

The premium forms are needed to determine the amount and record the payment of PBGC premiums, and the submission of forms and retention and submission of records are needed to enable the PBGC to perform premium audits. The plan administrator of each pension plan covered by Title IV of ERISA is required to file one or more of the premium payment forms each year. The PBGC uses the information on the premium payment forms to identify the plans paying premiums and to verify whether plans are paying the correct amounts. That information and the retained records are used for audit purposes.

In addition, section 4011 of ERISA and the PBGC's regulation on Disclosure to Participants (29 CFR part 4011) require plan administrators of certain underfunded single-employer pension plans to provide an annual notice to plan participants and beneficiaries of the plans' funding status and the limits on the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's guarantee of plan benefits. The participant notice requirement only applies (subject to certain exemptions) to plans that must pay a variable rate premium. In order to monitor compliance with Part 4011, plan administrators must indicate on Form 1-EZ or Schedule A to Form 1 that the participant notice requirements have been complied with.

The collection of information under the regulation on Payment of Premiums, including Form 1-ES, Form 1-EZ, Form 1, and Schedule A to Form 1, and related instructions has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0009. This collection of information also includes the certification of compliance with the participant notice requirements (but not the participant notices themselves). The PBGC is revising the forms and instructions to clarify them and make them easier to use. The PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval of this collection of information, as revised, for three years from the date of approval. (The participant notices constitute a different collection of information that has been separately approved by OMB.) An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The PBGC estimates that it receives responses annually from about 37,700 plan administrators and that the total annual burden of the collection of information is about 2,540 hours and \$9,657,780.

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