

May 19, 2000

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**SUBJECT: INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 2 - STATUS OF NRC
REVIEW OF STEAM GENERATOR INSPECTIONS**

Dear Mr. Baumstark:

This letter provides a summary of the conference call the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held with you on May 17, 2000. The purpose of the call was to communicate the staff's concern regarding content and timing of your submittals in response to the staff's review of steam generator (SG) issues and associated requested information related to the steam generator tube leak of February 15, 2000.

On April 14, 2000, you submitted, in response to a staff request, your root cause evaluation for the failure of the U-bend region tube in SG 24. The staff performed a preliminary review of the evaluation and formulated a number of questions regarding the completeness of the evaluation. The staff forwarded the questions to you on April 28, 2000. We discussed these questions at a meeting held on May 3, 2000. In preparation for the meeting, the staff requested that you address the questions at the meeting. The staff also requested that following the meeting, you provide a written response to each question. During the meeting you addressed some of the questions; however, the staff raised several additional questions during your presentation. The staff requests that you review the transcript of the May 3, 2000, meeting and provide a written response to the topics of discussion and the questions raised during the meeting that are documented in the transcript.

Since the event, our respective staffs have been conducting routine conference calls to discuss the status of the SG inspection efforts. One issue which has not been resolved relates to the adequacy of the data analysis of the plus point probe indications in the hot leg top of the tube sheet sludge pile area. In particular, the staff is concerned that tubes in this region with marginal structural capability may not have been identified by the current inspection program. The staff highlighted the importance of resolving this issue and understands from the conference call that you are actively pursuing it.

On March 29, and April 19, 2000, the staff issued a time line describing NRC activities including the SG condition review related to Indian Point 2. That time line showed that you would submit your written responses by April 26, 2000. During our telephone conversation you indicated that you would be providing your responses in several documents. Further, you stated that all documentation should be received by early June 2000. As previously stated, upon receipt of satisfactory documentation the staff will need approximately 3 weeks to document our

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I trust the above accurately reflects our discussion.

Sincerely,

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