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TO:  
Chairman Meserve

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* PRI \*\* CRC NO: 00-0359

Chairman

DESC: ROUTING:

Indian Point 2 -- Safety and Inspection Standards  
Before Restart

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Miraglia  
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Craig  
Burns/Cyr  
Miller, RI

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SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH EDISON'S APPLICATION FOR REOPENING OF INDIAN POINT 2  
POWER PLANT

ACTION: Signature of Chairman  
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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 2, 2000

Honorable Richard A. Meserve  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Meserve:

I understand that Consolidated Edison (ConEd) is applying to re-open its Indian Point 2 nuclear power plant located in Buchanan, New York. I am writing to ask that you take all necessary steps to ensure that the facility complies with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) safety and inspection standards before allowing it to re-open for business.

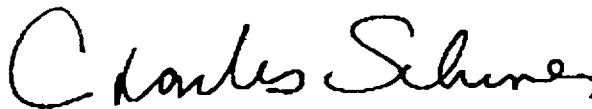
As you know, the NRC recently upgraded its oversight responsibilities of the Indian Point 2 plant in response to two incidents that occurred over the past 12 months. Last August, an electrical problem shut down the plant's reactor for six weeks and in February, a leak was discovered in the plant's steam generators, closing the plant. Indian Point has been closed since that time.

An official review of these incidents by the NRC concluded that the plant merits oversight by regional and national authorities. This review also raised concerns about faulty equipment, poorly trained staff and procedural weaknesses at the plant. Until the NRC verifies that ConEd and Indian Point have taken clear and substantive action to address these concerns, the doors of this nuclear power plant should not be re-opened.

Given the safety concerns raised by the aforementioned incidents, I would also like the NRC to coordinate an "Informational Forum" for the communities surrounding the facility so that local residents have the opportunity to ask officials from both the NRC and ConEd about community safety. In addition, this meeting will allow the NRC and ConEd to clarify their nuclear plant policies as well as their commitment to ensuring safety.

I look forward to working with you and the NRC in ensuring that ConEd puts a substantive safety plan into action.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator

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