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Chairman Meserve

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Restart Application for Indian Point 2

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**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 11, 2000

Richard A. Meserve, Chairman  
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738

Dear Chairman Meserve:

We are contacting you concerning the impending decision by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation regarding Consolidated Edison of New York's (ConEd) restart application for the Indian Point 2 nuclear power plant in Buchanan, New York.

On February 15, 2000, a steam generator coolant pipe at Indian Point 2 ruptured, spewing radioactive water inside the plant. In response to this incident, ConEd, the owner of the plant, notified the NRC shut the facility down. Following this event, the NRC and ConEd initiated investigations which have brought to light a number of serious concerns with ConEd's operation of the plant, the safety of the steam generators at Indian Point 2, and the NRC's oversight of this facility. However, on June 5<sup>th</sup>, ConEd submitted results of steam generator inspections and its proposed basis for restart of the unit following repairs.

As you may be aware, we have been working with Hubert J. Miller, Regional Administrator, and other representatives of the NRC to ensure the safety of Indian Point 2 prior to the approval of the restart application. Presently, there is an ongoing investigation by the NRC's Office of Inspector General and we have requested that the United States General Accounting Office (GAO) begin a comprehensive study into the history and safety of Indian Point 2. Moreover, although a multitude of citizens attending the June 25<sup>th</sup> public meeting expressed their overwhelming concern over a premature restart, NRC officials refused to delay their decision on ConEd's proposal until the Inspector General's report was concluded.

Indian Point 2 is located only thirty-five miles outside of New York City and in the heart of our populated Hudson region. The proper maintenance and oversight of this facility is of the utmost importance to the millions of citizens who live in its shadow. Reports of management problems, emergency preparedness weaknesses, insufficient training, equipment reliability problems, and a history of incidents are not being fully taken into consideration by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the decision on the restart application be suspended until the Inspector General's investigation and GAO study is concluded and that a final decision be rendered by the full Commission.

We thank you for your time and assistance on this matter, and look forward to working with you on the successful resolution to this matter.

Sincerely,



SUE KELLY  
Member of Congress



BENJAMIN A. GILMAN  
Member of Congress



NITA LOWEY  
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