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Sincerely,

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 55.45(b)((2)(iii) and (iv) to Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (the licensee), for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2, located in Westchester County, New York.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Identification of Proposed Action:

The proposed exemption would (1) allow the licensee to defer the submission of NRC Form 474, "Simulation Facility Certification," for the Indian Point 2 (IP2) simulator from the March 26, 1991 date provided in the rule to March 26, 1992, and (2) allow the licensee to use the existing simulator for training and NRC-administered operating examinations until the new simulator is ready for training and examination by May 26, 1992.

The proposed actions are in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12 and 10 CFR 55.11 and are based on the information provided to the Commission in the licensee's request dated January 11, 1991.

The Need for the Proposed Action:

The proposed exemption is needed to: (1) accommodate the late delivery of the new simulator and (2) permit the continued training and administering of Commission requalification examinations on the existing simulator.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:

The proposed exemptions do not involve any measurable environmental impacts since plant configuration and operation are not changed. Thus, the proposed exemptions will not significantly affect the probability or consequences of potential reactor accidents and would not otherwise affect radiological plant effluents. Consequently, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed exemptions do not affect non-radiological plant effluents and have no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemptions.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action:

Since the Commission has concluded that the environmental effects of the proposed action are not significant, any alternative with equal or greater environmental impacts need not be evaluated.

The principal alternative would be to deny the requested exemptions. This would not reduce environmental impacts nor enhance the protection of the environment.

Alternative Use of Resources:

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted:

The NRC staff reviewed the licensee's request and did not consult with any other agencies or persons.

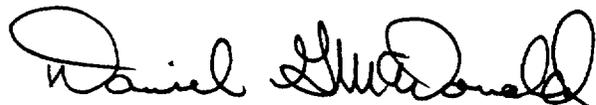
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, the staff concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. The Commission has, therefore, determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for exemption dated January 11, 1991, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C., and at the White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of March 1991.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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