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 FOR INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 2 (TAC NO. M97552)

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Sincerely,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NRC STAFF PROPOSES TO AMEND OPERATING LICENSE AT THE INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 2

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has received an application dated June 17, 1997, from the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., (Con Ed) for an exigent amendment to the operating license for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2 (IP2), located in Westchester County, New York.

The proposed amendment would revise the Technical Specification (TS) as follows: Section 3.10.6.1 to allow extended rod position indicator (RPI) deviation limits, (2) Section 3.10.4.4 to allow on-line calibration of the RPIs, and (3) Section 3.10.6.2 to clarify the operability requirements during calibration. The Bases for Section 3.10 would also be changed to reflect the proposed changes to the TS.

In its June 17, 1997, application, Con Ed proposed that the changes to TS Sections 3.10.6.1, 3.10.4.4, 3.10.6.2 and Basis section 3.10 be reviewed on an exigent basis pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) and that a license amendment be issued to support startup from the current refueling outage. IP2 is now in cycle 13/14 Refueling outage.

By letter dated June 7, 1994, Con Ed requested a permanent change to TSs to allow extended RPI deviation limits and on-line calibration of the RPI channels. The NRC reviewed and approved the request by letter dated April 28, 1995, for operating cycle 13 only. By letter dated December 11, 1996, Con Ed requested a permanent change to TSs to allow extended RPI deviation limits and on-line calibration of RPI channels. This request is currently under review by the NRC staff.

Con Ed has acted in a timely manner in requesting the TS change.

However, due to an error of the NRC staff, the request was not noticed for a 30-day public comment period in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, entitled "Notice for public comment; State consultation." Hence, Con Ed requested by letter dated June 17, 1997, the NRC to issue the TS change request on an exigent basis in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6). Con Ed requested this amendment to be processed on an exigent basis due to its current schedule. IP2 is currently scheduled to return to service from the current cycle 13/14 refueling outage on June 25, 1997. This restart date is coincident with the expected summer peak demands for electricity in the New York metropolitan area.

The licensee and the NRC staff have evaluated this proposed change with regard to the determination of whether or not a significant hazards consideration is involved. Operation of IP2 in accordance with the proposed amendment will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated. All peaking factors will remain within the limits of the TSs. Both the shutdown margin and the axial flux difference will be maintained within the limits of the TSs. There will be no fuel damage due to the changes. All design and safety criteria will be met.

The proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously analyzed. The calibration will be performed using plant procedures that have been reviewed and approved by the Station Nuclear Safety Committee. It has been shown that even with the new rod position indicator deviation bands and on-line calibration, all power distribution limits will be met.

The proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. There will not be a change in the power distribution limits used in the design and safety analyses and the required shutdown margin will be maintained. It has been shown that there is no fuel failure as a result of this change.

Following an initial review of this application, the requested amendment has been evaluated against the standards in 10 CFR 50.92 and the NRC staff has made a proposed (preliminary) determination that the requested amendment involves no significant hazards considerations. The changes do not significantly increase the probability or consequences of any accident previously considered, nor create the possibility of an accident of a different kind, nor significantly decrease any margin of safety.

If the proposed determination that the requested license amendment involves no significant hazards consideration becomes final, the staff will issue the amendment without first offering an opportunity for a public hearing. An opportunity for a hearing will be published in the Federal Register at a later date and any hearing request will not delay the effective date of the amendment.

If the staff decides in its final determination that the amendment does involve a significant hazards consideration, a notice of opportunity for a prior hearing will be published in the Federal Register and, if a hearing is granted, it will be held before the amendment is issued.

Comments on the proposed determination of no significant hazards consideration may be telephoned to Alexander W. Dromerick, Acting Director, Project Directorate I-1, by collect call to 301-415-3473. All comments

received by close of business on June 25, 1997, will be considered in reaching a final determination. A copy of the application may be examined at the NRC's Local Public Document Room located at White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10610 and at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2010 L Street, Gelman Building, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555.