

January 24, 2001

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-415-1494 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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2. LA Table to Section 3.5

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Dear Mr. Kansler:

At Enclosure 1 please find the draft Safety Evaluation (SE) of your proposed conversion of the current technical specifications (CTSs) for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3 (IP3) to the improved technical specifications (ITSs). In an effort to meet the issuance date of February 28, 2001, the NRC staff completed the draft SE for review even though we have not yet received all responses to our requests for additional information (RAIs). We will continue to work toward the agreed-upon February 28, 2001, issuance date; it is still possible to meet this date assuming that all future submittals conform to verbal resolution of the RAIs.

Please review the enclosed draft SE to verify its accuracy. Please also prepare the certified ITS for IP3 to be submitted to NRC for issuance in the conversion amendment. In accordance with our agreed-upon schedule, please provide both your written comments on the draft SE and a certified ITS and Bases within 30 days of receipt of this letter. After we review your comments, we will incorporate changes, as appropriate, in the final SE before issuing the ITS and the final SE. Our conclusions in the enclosed draft SE are not valid until the final SE is issued.

Within 30 days of receipt of this letter we request that you submit a license condition for Appendix D to the IP3 license to make enforceable the transfer of those requirements in the CTS being relocated into licensee-controlled documents that are the subject of regulations, as described in your letters and the enclosed draft SE. Enclosure 2 contains an acceptable license condition. A similar license condition should also be submitted for (1) each commitment to complete a future action that you have included in your letters on the ITS for IP3, and (2) the first performance of new and revised surveillance requirements (SRs) for the ITS to be related to the implementation of the ITS. An acceptable license condition for the new and revised SRs is provided in Section 5 of the enclosed draft SE and Enclosure 2.

The draft SE, including five tables attached to the SE that list the changes to the CTS, documents the staff's review of your application dated December 11, 1998 (IPN-98-134), as supplemented by letters dated December 15, 1998 (IPN-98-139), and May 17, 1999 (IPN-99-055). Letters dated August 16, 2000 (IPN-00-059), September 14, 2000 (IPN-00-059), September 27, 2000 (IPN-00-71) were your responses to the staff's RAI dated July 9, 1999.

Enclosure 1