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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF PART-LENGTH CONTROL ROD DRIVE MECHANISM
HOUSING ISSUE, INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 2
(TAC NO. MA1411)

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In its April 9, 1998, letter, Con Edison informed the NRC that it had completed actions to address the part-length CRDM issue at the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2 (IP2). In this regard, Con Edison removed the eight part-length CRDMs and replaced them with caps to preclude the possibility of a failure.

This completes the staff's efforts on TAC No. MA1411.

Sincerely,

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