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Correspondence Response Sheet

Date: March 3, 2000

To: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus ✓
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

From: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

Subject: Letter to Representative Sue W. Kelly concerns the steam generator tube leak that occurred at Indian Point 2

ACTION: Please comment/concur and respond to the Office of the Secretary by:

Time: C.O.B.
Day: Monday
Date: March 13, 2000

3/08/00

Comment:

Concur. See attached edit.

Greta Joy Dicus
March 10, 2000

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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Sue W. Kelly
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3219

Dear Congresswoman Kelly:

This letter is in response to your February 17, 2000, inquiry into the steam generator tube leak that occurred at Indian Point 2 on February 15, 2000. Specifically, you requested the status of our investigation into the factors that led to this event. In addition, you raised concerns about the actions taken in response to indications of steam generator leakage in the weeks preceding the declaration of an Alert on the evening of February 15, 2000.

I understand that Mr. Hubert Miller, the Region I Regional Administrator, answered many of your questions during a tour of Indian Point 2 plant on February 25. As you are aware, there is currently an NRC Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) at Indian Point 2. The goals of this team are to determine what happened prior to, during, and following the event.

The NRC has requirements for the operation, maintenance, and monitoring of steam generators. This includes limiting steam generator leakage during plant operations. Indian Point 2 has had some steam generator tube leakage throughout the current plant operating cycle. However, the leakage rate remained below the design basis level. The AIT will provide additional details regarding the questions raised in your February 17, 2000 letter.

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In closing, we will provide you with the results of our reviews as soon as they are completed. In addition, we tentatively plan a public meeting in the area around Indian Point 2 during the week of March 13, 2000, to discuss this event and our actions in this matter. We will notify you of the date, time, and location of this meeting when it is announced.

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Insert the following:

I expect they will address the remainder of the questions in your February 17, 2000, inquiry.