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Date: June 19, 2000

To: Chairman Meserve
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From: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

Subject: Letter to Senator Charles E. Schumer concerns
Commonwealth Edison's Application for Reopening its
Indian Point 2 NPP

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

Time: C.O.B.
Day: Tuesday
Date: June 27, 2000

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Comment:

Contact: Scott Barber, EDO/RI
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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

This letter is in response to your June 2, 2000, inquiry regarding Indian Point 2. Although Consolidated Edison (ConEd) ^{continues to operate} ~~has operated~~ Indian Point Unit 2 safely, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shares your concern about events at the plant and recognizes the importance of our continued close attention to ConEd's corrective actions for performance problems. In your inquiry, you also requested that the NRC coordinate an informational forum for local residents.

Regarding plant operation with the existing steam generators, the NRC is conducting a comprehensive review of ConEd's proposal to ~~allow plant startup~~ ^{and operate the plant} for a limited period of time.

ConEd must obtain NRC approval prior to plant startup ^{in accordance with its operating license} ~~to operate the existing steam generators~~. NRC experts from the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and NRC Region I have ~~been fully engaged with ConEd steam generator~~ inspections since shortly after the February 2000 event. This engagement has involved direct ^{ed on-site activities questioned} observation of inspections ~~on-site~~ and discussions with ConEd and Westinghouse personnel ^{to better understand and} ~~regarding~~ inspection results to ~~resolve~~ issues related to steam generator tube integrity. In order to consider approving ^e plant startup, NRC, in its review of this matter, must conclude that continued operation of the plant does not pose any undue risk to public health and safety.

As you know,

Senator Charles E. Schumer

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has scheduled a meeting

Regarding your request for an informational forum, the NRC is ~~planning to conduct a meeting within the next two weeks to facilitate our continuing dialogue with local residents.~~ In this meeting, the NRC plans to: 1) outline ongoing assessment efforts related to Indian Point Unit 2; 2) provide detailed information regarding our ongoing processes to review steam generator tube integrity; and 3) provide an informational forum for questions regarding public health and safety. ~~As you know, we have been coordinating the timing of this meeting with your office.~~

Please do not hesitate to call me at (610) 337-5299 if you have any other questions on this matter. X

Sincerely,

Richard A. Meserve

with the public on Sunday, June 25th to keep the community informed of developments regarding the facility. The meeting is scheduled to begin at noon at the Cortlandt Town Hall.