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Correspondence Response Sheet

Date: **October 12, 2000**

Concur subject to the attached edits.

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

[Signature]
10/17/00

From: **Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary**

Subject: **Letter to Congressman Gilman concerns ongoing situation at Indian Point 2 and the recent Inspector General's audit report entitled, "Special Evaluation of the Role and Structure of NPC's Executive Council"**

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

Time: **NOON**
Day: **Friday**
Date: **October 20, 2000**

Comment:

Contact: **John W. Craig, AO/OEDO**
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Entered in STARS Tracking System **Yes** **No**



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman,
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gilman:

Thank you for your September 7, 2000, letter ^{regarding the situation at Indian Point 2 and the recently issued NRC Inspector General (OIG) audit report, "Special Evaluation of the Role and Structure of NRC's Executive Council."} addressed two issues. ~~The first was support for the Executive Council.~~

~~Commission's oversight of activities involving Indian Point 2.~~ The Commission appreciates your support for our ^{oversight} efforts associated with Indian Point 2, ^{and I assure you that the NRC} My letter of September 5, 2000, ^{will continue to closely monitor} discussed our activities directly related to Indian Point 2. The staff is continuing its oversight activities to monitor Consolidated Edison's activities ^{at the plant.} and will continue to keep the Commission fully informed of activities related to Indian Point 2.

~~The second issue was not directly related to Indian Point 2 and involved a recently issued NRC Inspector General (OIG) audit report, "Special Evaluation of the Role and Structure of NRC's~~

^{As you are aware,} ~~Executive Council."~~ The OIG report on the NRC's Executive Council (EC) concluded that

alternative management strategies pertaining to the EC should be considered to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of agency operations. ^{The staff's actions to meet NRC's}

responsibilities to protect health and safety ^{public} of the public were not ^{called into question} at issue in the report. The

Commission believes that its mandated health and safety responsibilities are being successfully

fulfilled. ^{strongly} Furthermore, I assure you that the Commission will ensure that its decisions related to the EC will not detract from staff activities associated with oversight of Indian Point 2.

~~With regard to potential changes as a result of the OIG's special evaluation of the EC, the~~


~~Commission is currently reviewing this report to determine whether changes are warranted. I~~

~~would not expect that changes involving the EC would have a negative impact on activities~~

^{organizational} The Commission is carefully considering the OIG's conclusions to determine what, if any, changes are warranted. I will keep you informed of the Commission's decisions ^{related to} this important matter. However, I believe it is important to reiterate that

~~associated with Indian Point 2. Nevertheless, should a Commission determination be made that changes are appropriate, we will ensure that they do not detract from staff activities associated with oversight of Indian Point 2. The staff will continue to provide oversight of Consolidated Edison's activities at Indian Point 2 and continue to conduct inspection and assessment activities associated with this plant.~~

I hope this is responsive to your concerns.

 Again, I appreciate your interest in this very important matter and

Sincerely,

Richard A. Meserve