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Correspondence Response Sheet

Date: *March 12, 2001*

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

Approved as edited
March 15, 2001

From: *Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary*

Subject: *Letter to Congresswoman Sue Kelly concerns a leak that occurred in the discharge piping of a main feedwater pump at Indian Point Unit 2 nuclear power station*

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

Time: *NOON*
Day: *Tuesday*
Date: *March 20, 2001*

Comment:

Contact: *G. Scott Barber, EDO/RI*
610/337-5232

Entered in STARS Tracking System **Yes** **No**

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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, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kelly:

I am responding to your letter dated February 20, 2001, regarding a leak that occurred in the discharge piping of a main feedwater pump at the Indian Point Unit 2 Nuclear Power Station. In particular, you requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take action to hold the plant at 50 percent power until the results of our comprehensive team inspection are presented to the public.

The feedwater leak to which you are referring was a small pinhole size leak in the non-nuclear part of the plant. NRC resident inspectors, supported by regional specialists, monitored Consolidated Edison Company's (Con Edison) actions to assure this condition did not pose a threat to personnel safety or to important plant safety equipment. The inspectors assessed the adequacy of Con Edison's plans for repair of the leak, which were successfully implemented. As a consequence, there was no basis for the NRC to limit plant power level to 50 percent. Con Edison returned the plant to full power on February 24, 2001.

Thank you for informing me of your concern. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Meserve

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I very much appreciated the opportunity to meet with you at Indian Pt. # 2 on March 9. I took the opportunity to observe the area of the repaired leak and discussed the matter with Con Ed management. I am satisfied that Con Ed responded to

in an effort to minimize