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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF ACCEPTANCE REVIEW REGARDING STRETCH POWER
UPRATE APPLICATION, INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 3
(TAC NO. MC3552)

Dear Mr. Kansler:

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The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's acceptance review of the application for IP3, which is based on the determination that sufficient information was provided to allow the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review. The review also ensures that the application adequately characterizes the regulatory requirements and licensing basis of the plant. On the basis of its review of the information provided in the application, the NRC staff has determined that ENO has provided the necessary information for the staff to begin a detailed technical review. The NRC staff expects to complete the detailed review by your requested date of March 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-1457.

Sincerely,

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