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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Mr. Steven A. Varga, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 1
Division of Licensing

Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
Licensed Operator Staffing

Dear Sir:

This letter serves to request a schedular exemption from the NRC rulemaking concerning licensed operator staffing which revises 10 CFR 50.54 and becomes effective January 1, 1984. The Authority is firmly committed to full compliance with the regulation. However, the Authority requests schedular exemption from the rule until March 31, 1984. Approval of the requested exemption would allow for those persons currently scheduled for examination in December, 1983 to complete their testing and become qualified to stand on watch. This schedule is consistent with the commitment contained in the Authority's letter dated February 15, 1983, IPN-83-13, concerning post-TMI requirements and is contingent upon the necessary number of individuals passing their examination in December, 1983.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. P. Kokolakis of my staff.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. P. Bayne'.

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