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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 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
Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications
Regarding Steam Generator Tube Plugging Limit

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are three (3) signed originals and nineteen (19) copies of a document entitled, "Application for Amendment to Operating License," together with forty (40) copies of Attachments I and II thereto, comprising the appropriate revisions to the affected Technical Specifications pages, and the associated Safety Evaluation.

This application seeks to amend Appendix A, Section 4.9 of the Operating License. The proposed change results from an evaluation of the results of the eddy current testing of the IP-3 steam generator tubes conducted during the midcycle outage. The results indicate that the flaw growth rate is significantly less than that previously predicted. The proposed change consists of revising the steam generator "tube plugging limit", Section 4.9.A.1.f, to repair the tubes which exhibit an imperfection depth of 63% and greater.

This amendment is submitted under exigent circumstances. Pursuant to existing Technical Specifications, the plant is in an outage condition solely for the inspection and repair, as necessary, of the steam generators. Inspection and analysis to a level necessary to determine the information presented in this safety evaluation has just been completed (November 1, 1984) and will permit plant start-up in less than 15 days. Because this safety evaluation is based entirely on formulas and considerations presented in the safety evaluation for Amendment 47 to the Facility Operating License and embodies the

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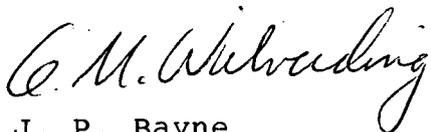
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results of long term operation which further establishes the validity of that evaluation, no interim compensatory measures are considered applicable. This amendment is applicable only for the remainder of Cycle 4 and will result in a substantial savings in man-rem (~60) without increased hazard.

As per 10 CFR 170.12, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$150.00 in payment of the application fee for the review of these proposed changes to the Technical Specifications.

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this application for amendment to the Operating License and the associated attachment is being submitted to the designated New York State Official.

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



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