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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-286  
Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications  
Regarding Minimum Number of Operable Channels and  
Minimum Degree of Redundancy for High Steam Flow Safety Injection

Dear Sir:

This application seeks to revise Section 3.5 (Table 3.5-3 item 1.e., columns 3 and 4, "SAFETY INJECTION - High Steam Flow in 2/4 Steam Lines Coincident with Low Tavg or Low Steam Line Pressure") of the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications. The Technical Specifications are being revised to change the minimum number of operable channels of the high steam flow circuitry, from "2 channels in each of 3 steam lines" to "1/steam line in each of 3 steam lines", and the minimum degree of redundancy, from "2" to "1/steam line in each of 3 steam lines." This change would make this specification consistent with standard methodology which permits the minimum number of operable channels to be one less than the number of installed channels, allow more flexibility to avoid performing unnecessary shutdowns which incurs the risk of additional challenges to plant safety systems associated with changes in plant operating conditions, and make this specification more consistent with Westinghouse Standard Technical Specifications.

The proposed changes are contained in Attachment I to the Application for Amendment enclosed with this letter, while the associated Safety Evaluation is provided in Attachment II.

Enclosed for filing is the signed original of a document entitled, "Application for Amendment to Operating License," together with one copy of Attachments I and II thereto, comprising a statement of the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications and the associated Safety Evaluation.

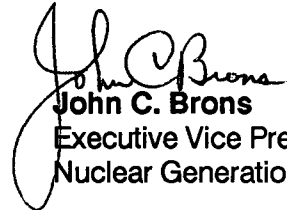
In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this application and the associated attachments are being submitted to the designated New York State official.

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

Very truly yours,

  
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