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Subject: **Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant**  
**Docket No. 50-286**  
**Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications Regarding**  
**24 Month Operating Cycles and Snubber Functional Testing**

Dear Sir:

Starting with cycle nine (scheduled to start in May 1992), Indian Point 3 will begin 24 month operating cycles, instead of the current 18 month cycles. In order to accommodate operation on a 24 month cycle, this application for amendment to the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications proposes to:

- change the frequency of snubber functional testing (specified in section 4.11.B.1) and reviews of snubber maintenance records (specified in section 4.11.C.2) to accommodate operation with a 24 month operating cycle (Please note that the Authority previously, by letter dated November 15, 1991, submitted proposed Technical Specification changes to extend snubber visual inspection intervals.),
- change the basis of section 4.1, consistent with NRC Generic Letter 91-04, to specify that the extension time for surveillance requirements allowed by definition 1.12 is applicable to surveillances performed once every 24 months,
- change the following Technical Specification pages to clearly distinguish between those surveillances to be performed once per 18 months and those that receive approval to be performed once per 24 months: pages 4.1-3, 4.4-3, 4.4-6, 4.5-1 through 4.5-5, 4.5-7, 4.5-8, 4.6-1 through 4.6-3, 4.7-1, 4.8-1, 4.10-4, 4.13-1, table 4.1-1, and table 4.1-3,
- change specification 4.5.B.2.d., to reflect the guidance of the NRC's letter to licensees dated February 23, 1980, and the requirement of the NRC's letter to the Power Authority dated February 11, 1980,
- change item 6 of Table 4.1-3, to more clearly indicate that the frequency of this item is at each refueling, and
- correct a typographical error (on page 4.11-2) introduced by an earlier amendment.

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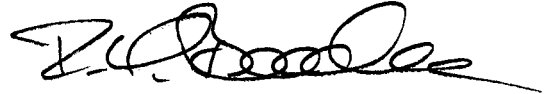
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The proposed changes are contained in Attachment I to the Application for Amendment enclosed with this letter, and the associated Safety Evaluation is provided as Attachment II.

A copy of this application and the associated attachments are being provided to the designated New York State official as required by 10 CFR 50.91.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. P. Kokolakis.

Very truly yours,



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