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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
Pressurizer Safety Valve Testing

Dear Sir:

This letter serves to document the Authority's position regarding surveillance requirements for the pressurizer safety valves' setpoint. This position has previously been discussed with members of the NRC staff and found acceptable.

Table 4.1-3 of the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications requires that the safety valves' setpoint be verified every refueling outage. It has been the Authority's position in the past to perform "refueling" surveillances during non-refueling outages, such as the present electrical generator outage, when the period since the previous surveillance reaches approximately eighteen months. Certain surveillances, such as verification of the safety valve setpoints, involve substantial cost and radiation exposure and therefore are not routinely performed during non-refueling outages. Based on review of the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications, and in light of the fact that the present schedule for valve testing complies with the requirements of the ASME Code, it is the Authority's conclusion that additional testing is not warranted. It should be noted that the reactor has only been above cold shutdown for a period of approximately twenty-five days since the valve setpoint was last verified.

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 dark ink, appearing to read 'J. P. Bayne', written over a printed name.

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