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Director 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
Inclusion of "Trip Force" Measurement in Reactor Trip
Breakers (RTB) Periodic Maintenance and Trending Program
(Generic Letter 83-28, Items 4.2.1 and 4.2.2)

- References:
1. NYPA letter to NRC, dated 12/28/84, providing IP-3's RTB Maintenance Program (IPN-84-65).
 2. NRC letter to NYPA, dated 5/7/85, transmitting the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for GL 83-28, Items 4.2.1 and 4.2.2.

Dear Sir:

As previously indicated in Reference 1, the Authority is implementing the NRC approved Westinghouse Maintenance Program for DB-50 Reactor Trip Switchgear, Rev. 0, dated October 14, 1983. In accordance with the request made in Reference 2, the IP-3 plant procedure for RTB periodic maintenance (3-PM-A-ES-13, Rev. 2) was revised to incorporate measurement and trending of the trip force. This procedure, which is currently undergoing the in-house review for approval, will be implemented during the recently started Cycle 4/5 refueling outage.

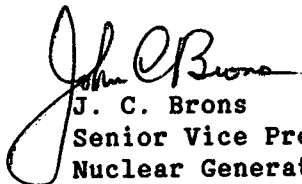
In addition, Reference 2 finds acceptable that IP-3 performs those activities which were recommended by Westinghouse for a 6-month interval, to be performed on a 12-month interval provided we confirm that 200 RTB trips are not exceeded during the interval. Although the average number of RTB trips during a one-year period has been significantly lower in the past, in order not to exceed the above limit the Authority will maintain records of all RTB trips.

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Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter,
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Very truly yours,


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