

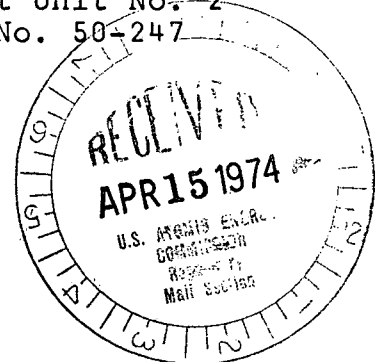
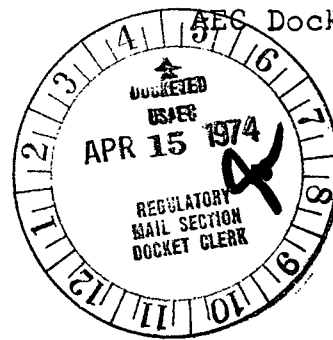
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April 12, 1974

Re: Indian Point Unit No. 2
AEC Docket No. 50-247

Mr. Donald J. Skovholt
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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545



Dear Mr. Skovholt:

In accordance with your letter of November 8, 1973, representatives of Con Edison have contacted the Regulatory Staff on several occasions to discuss questions we have had on the requirements for hydraulic snubber inspections and seal replacements. As a result of these helpful discussions, we achieved a better understanding of the basis for your concerns, and embarked upon an expedited seal replacement program. Progress of this program has proceeded more rapidly than in the schedule discussed with the Regulatory Staff. As a result, to date, 125 of the 353 hydraulic snubbers inside containment have been refurbished with new seal material (29 snubbers with "unadulterated" seal material and 96 with ethylene propylene seal material). Inspection results for these snubbers inside containment have been good. Our program requires replacement of snubbers found to be leaking or suspected to be leaking with new or refurbished units containing improved seal material. As a result of these inspections, maintenance actions, and replacement program we have confidence that the installed snubbers are being maintained in a condition that will assure they will adequately perform their intended function if called upon to do so.

The next 30-day inspection date of the Indian Point Unit No. 2 snubbers inside containment, is presently April 18, 1974, at which time an outage will be required for the inspection. As a result of an extensive new electrical transmission system construction effort to increase the reliability and stability of the Con Edison system, advanced scheduling of generating and transmission combined availability is necessary to permit us to coordinate the output of various units on the system with the availability of transmission to our load center.

Accordingly, Con Edison requests a 6-day extension of the upcoming end of the current inspection interval for Unit No. 2 until April 24, 1974, to facilitate the scheduling of the

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transmission construction effort while still providing power to our load center. We consider that such a short delay in inspection of these snubbers based on past inspection records will not effect the safety of the facility.

Very truly yours,



William J. Cahill, Jr.
Vice President

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