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Docket No. 50-247

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Mr. Edward J. Bauser
 Executive Director
 Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
 Congress of the United States

Dear Mr. Bauser:

The Atomic Energy Commission has issued an Order extending the expiration date of Facility Operating License No. DPR-26 for the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.'s Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2 from March 1, 1973, to June 1, 1973.

This extension is necessary because of delays which prevent completion of subcritical testing prior to expiration of said license. Such testing was interrupted by the determination to refabricate the fuel in the reactor with pressurized fuel. The final shipment of fuel is expected on site shortly; however, the fuel may not be loaded into the reactor prior to the expiration of DPR-26. Although the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has authorized issuance of an operating license for testing purposes at power levels up to 20 percent of full power, such a license has not yet been issued.

Two copies of a petition for order extending expiration date from the Consolidated Edison Company, together with two copies of the Order, are enclosed for the information of the Committee. The Order has been transmitted to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

A. Giambusso

A. Giambusso, Deputy Director
 for Reactor Projects
 Directorate of Licensing

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