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of Westchester and Lower Putnam Counties, New York

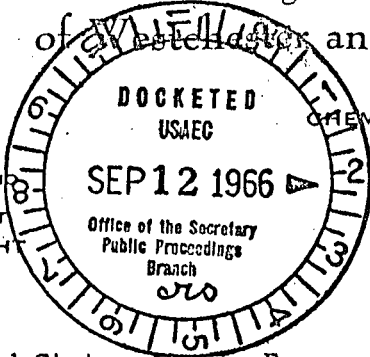
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September 9, 1966 RECEIVED ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

United States Atomic Energy Commission
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
Washington, D. C. 20545

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Att: Mr. Samuel W. Jensch, Chairman

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Gentlemen:

The Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and lower Putnam Counties, having a membership of approximately 38,000 building and construction trades craftsmen, who live and work in Westchester and Putnam counties, desires to record with your committee its complete support and endorsement of Consolidated Edison's proposed second nuclear power reactor at Indian Point.

It is our understanding that more power is urgently needed for the Con Edison system and that any delay would be unfortunate. We have been told that customer demands on Consolidated Edison's system are increasing by approximately 300,000 kilowatts annually, with a significant portion of this load coming from Westchester and also that in our County, electrical consumption has risen from one billion kilowatt hours in 1955 to 2.2 billion kilowatt hours in 1965. We believe that by granting Consolidated Edison permission to construct Indian Point #2, the Company will be in a better position to meet the aforementioned demands.

Additionally, the construction of Indian Point #2 will make many more benefits possible. As you gentlemen are probably aware, there has been a serious decline in the area represented by our organization. The construction of this plant will boost the economy by making approximately 1,000 jobs available to members of the Building and Construction Trades Council. Larger tax benefits to our area will also result and greater civic benefits will be made possible through this tax revenue.

According to information made available to us we are aware that the Company intends to enlarge its educational facilities at Indian Point thus contributing to the education of our people. I have visited Indian Point and have learned that more than 300,000 people have visited the original observation building overlooking Indian Point #1. I have heard the guides explain in easy-to-understand terms, the sequence of making electricity from the atom.

We also understand Consolidated Edison is working with Westinghouse architects and engineers to provide pleasing architectural and landscaping treatment of the new plant to blend in with the existing station.

The Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and Lower Putnam Counties firmly believes Indian Point #2 is a natural addition to a plant which has already become an accepted neighbor. We have been informed that the

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new project will not require a smoke stack as no additional fossil fuel shall be burned, therefore eliminating any objection on the basis of air pollution.

And, as time has clearly indicated, atomic power at Indian Point is safe. The Westchester County Health Department and the New York State Health Department have declared that no hazards from radioactivity exist in the area.

In short, the Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and Lower Putnam Counties, supports Consolidated Edison's request to construct Indian Point #2, and respectfully urges your Board to approve the application for this plant without undue delay.

Very truly yours,

George C. Grimm
GEORGE C. GRIMM, Executive Secretary

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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

In the matter of

Consolidated Edison Company
(Indian Point 2)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of (1) a letter dated September 9, 1966 from Smith W. Breckhart, Counsel for National Parks Association, and (2) a letter dated September 9, 1966 from George C. Grimm, Executive Secretary for Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and Lower Putnam Counties, New York, have been served on the following by deposit in the United States Mail, air mail special delivery, this twelfth day of September, 1966:

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