



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

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NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER
GOVERNOR

October 8, 1971

Dear Chairman Schlesinger:

A serious danger of a power supply emergency in New York City during the summer of 1972 impels me to urge your Commission to invoke with all possible speed whatever extraordinary procedures may be available in handling the application of Consolidated Edison for an operating license for its Indian Point #2 plant.

It is my understanding Consolidated Edison's peak demand for the hottest days next summer has been estimated at 8550 megawatts and that sustained demands in the range of 7700-8100 megawatts will occur on many warm days. The Public Service Commission advises that Consolidated Edison's supply situation is such that the peak demand cannot be met next summer without Indian Point #2, and absent this plant the loads on many warm days can only be met if Consolidated Edison is able to import much greater amounts of power than it has ever been able to secure on a firm basis.

The overall power situation in the state and in the whole Northeast is very tight, and Consolidated Edison reports it has thus far been unable to contract for more than a fraction of the firm power imports available in the past summer. The life of the City of New York should not depend on the accidents of availability of massive amounts of power capacity not required by other utilities to meet their own loads on a particular day next summer, especially when the prospects seem so bleak.

These circumstances demonstrate, in my view, a compelling need for you and your agency to give the

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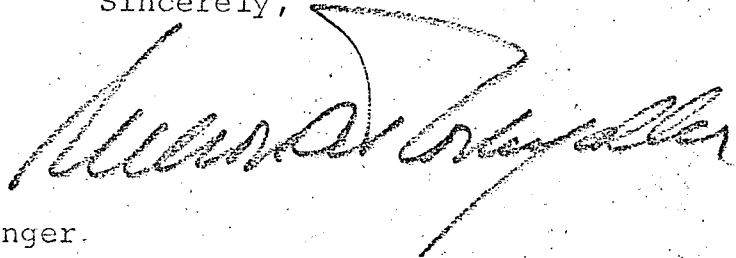
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highest priority for completing the proceedings on Consolidated Edison's Indian Point #2 license application, consistent, of course, with your obligation to assure the public against hazards from radiation and unnecessary environmental damage.

To make progress on this matter, I urge you to use every possible means to resolve the procedural problems in such a way as to avoid, if possible, the catastrophe of power blackouts in New York City next summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "H" and a long, trailing flourish.

Honorable James Schlesinger
Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission
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Commission to consider the electrical demand and to act
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REMARKS:

Julius H. Rubin
For the Chairman