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United States Atomic Energy Commission 1717 H Street NW Washington, D.C. 20545

Re: Docket No. 50-247

Dear Sirs:

I am writing today to urge that the Atomic Energy Commission require that Consolidated Edison begin immediate construction of cooling towers at its Indian Point 2 nuclear plant. The alternative to construction of these towers is the possible destruction of the fish population of the Hudson River.

Although your staff has determined that there will be only a 15 to 20 per-cent destruction of the fish population caused by the operation of Indian Point 2, we must consider that this station is only of several which are proposed for construction along the river.

While Con Edison continues to experiment with elaborate, yet ineffectual fish protection devices, all evidence indicates that cooling towers will reduce the withdrawal of water, and therefore also fish life, from the river by 95 to 98 per-cent.

We cannot afford to waste time on further research, especially since it will take considerable time to put any protection plan into operation.

The solution is available; cooling towers will work, and their effect on the environmet will be small.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Ottinger

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#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC. (Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2)

Docket No. 50-247

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