



April 14, 1972

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Chairman, Atomic Safety and
Licensing Board
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545

In re: Consolidated Edison Company of New
York (Indian Point Unit No. 2)
Docket No. 50-247

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have just received the Applicant's motion
of April 10, 1972 to prescribe time for the
completion of environmental hearings.

I have not received an answer from Applicant
on the legal objections of Hudson River Fishermen's
Association and Environmental Defense Fund to the
taking of evidence on Applicant's motion of
September 24, 1971 for which it now seeks to have
time prescribed. It was my understanding at the
April 5th hearing that Applicant intended to file an
answer.

Applicant's response to the legal objections of
the Intervenor and the receipt of the Staff's
environmental statement are both integrally related to
the question of whether time limits should be pre-
scribed for the environmental hearing and, if so, what
those time limits should be.

As soon as I have received Applicant's answer to
the Intervenor and the Staff statement, I will file
a detailed and prompt response to Applicant's motion
of April 10th. Until those documents are in hand,

Intervenors oppose the prescription of time limits on the ground that both the shape and size of the cases to be presented by the Applicant and the Staff are unknown.

HRFA and EDF have done nothing to delay the commencement of environmental hearings. The Applicant and the Board can be assured that the Intervenors will continue to follow that policy. They may also be assured that the Intervenors will make a full and prompt response to the April 10th motion as soon as the crucial documents are in the Intervenors hands.

Anthony Z. Roisman joins me in this letter on behalf of EDF.

Yours sincerely,

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