Consolidated Edison Company

In the Matter of

4-3-72.

Docket No. 50-247

ANSWER OF INTERVENORS HUDSON RIVER FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND TO APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE AUTHORIZING LIMITED OPERATION

BEFORE THE UNITED STATES

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

On September 24, 1971, Applicant, Con Edison, moved for the grant of a license to operate the Indian Point 2 facility at a steady state power level of 2482 megawatts thermal (90% of full power).

After discussions between the parties, Intervenors HRFA and EDF signed a stipulation on November 2, 1971 stating that they would not oppose the issuance of a license, for testing purposes only, up to 50% of full power. Intervenors reserved the right to oppose any further license requested by Con Edison.

Con Edison is now requesting 90% operating license described in its original moving papers.

HRFA and EDF oppose the issuance of a 90% operating license to Con Edison and request that the Board deny Con Edison's motion.

HRFA and EDF will cross-examine Con Edison's witnesses and offer evidence of their own in support of this position. This evidence will show that, after the balancing of factors required by Section D.2 of Appendix D to 10 CFR Part 50, operation during

3111050188 720403 PDR ADGCK 05000247 PDR the period of the ongoing NEPA review is not warranted. In addition there are various legal bars to the granting of the Con Edison's motion. These are discussed in the attached memorandum of law and are further grounds on which HRFA and EDF oppose the granting of the motion.

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