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Mr. J. F. O'Leary, Director Directorate of Licensing U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D. C. 20545

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

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

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We have just received a copy of the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in, <u>Brooks v. Atomic Energy Commission</u> (CADC No. 72-2177) (copy attached). That decision holds that no alteration in a license can be made without prior notice in the Federal Register and without an opportunity for hearing irrespective of the last sentence of Section 189a of the Atomic Energy Act. The Court holds that Congress intended to waive a hearing only when there was no request for a hearing and a finding of no significant hazard. In addition, the Court held that a finding of no significant hazard must be accompanied by a statement of reasons and your February 22 letter does not meet that standard.

The technical specifications appended to a license are clearly part of the license and amendments to those technical specifications must be preceded by an opportunity for hearing. Thus the grant of the change requested by the Applicant in DPR-26 was improper and must be revoked.

We recommend that your office consolidate the hearing required with the hearing now scheduled by the ASLB for consideration of fuel densification and thus avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

2 Sincerely, Roisman Ehonv

Counsel for Citizens Committee for Protection of the Environment

cc (without encl.): All parties of record.

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