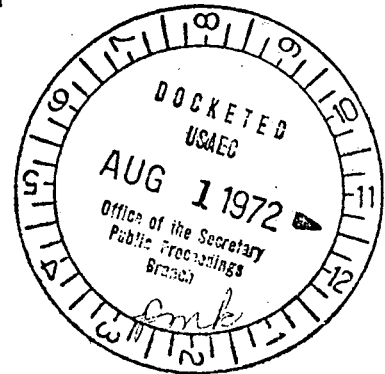


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD:

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In the Matter of
CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY
(Indian Point # 2)

DOCKET NO. 50-247

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

On July 14, 1972, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in this operating license proceeding issued an initial decision authorizing limited operation for testing purposes of Indian Point Station Unit No. 2, at power levels up to 551 MWT. (20% of full power). In the initial decision, the Licensing Board, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix D, Section D.2, referred to the Commission the applicant's motion for a testing license at power levels in excess of 20% and up to 50%.

In addition, in the course of the initial decision (see pp. 13-16), the Licensing Board certified a question to the Appeal Board for determination and guidance in the further proceedings in this case. The question arises from a contention of the Citizens Committee for the Protection of the Environment, an intervenor,

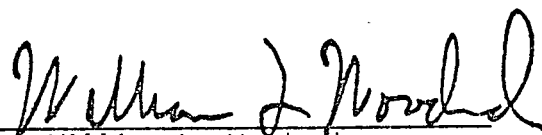
and concerns whether the integrity of pressure vessels has been sufficiently established and documented, so that protection against the consequences of failure of the reactor vessel need not be included in the design of the plant, and evidence concerning pressure vessel integrity need not be adduced in licensing proceedings.

To assist us in reviewing the certified question, the Appeal Board requests that briefs be filed by the parties. Such briefs should, as a minimum, identify relevant testimony and other evidence which we might utilize in answering the Licensing Board's question.

Briefs should be filed by Monday, August 21, 1972. Responsive briefs, if desired, should be filed by August 31, 1972.

It is so ORDERED.

By the Atomic Safety and Licensing
Appeal Board



William L. Woodard
Executive Secretary

Dated:

August 1, 1972

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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