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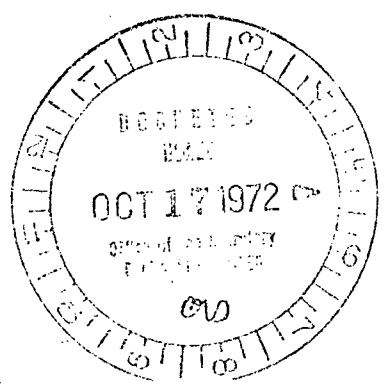
Re: Indian Point Unit No. 2
AEC Docket No. 50-247
OFFICE OF
SEARCH EXAMINERS

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 14, 1972, addressed to Mr. Trosten and shall respond to it more fully next week when we shall file a motion, on behalf of Consolidated Edison, for a temporary operating license pursuant to Parts 2 and 50 of the Commission's regulations. The motion will be accompanied by affidavits and by a tendered schedule. If the assumptions set forth in the schedule are acceptable to the Board and to the other parties, a hearing on the temporary operating license proceeding might be expected to begin, according to our estimate, about September 29, 1972.

Unless otherwise requested by the Board, we shall not propose in the near future any schedule for the continuation of the hearing on the permanent operating license since that schedule will largely depend on the progress of the temporary operating license proceeding.

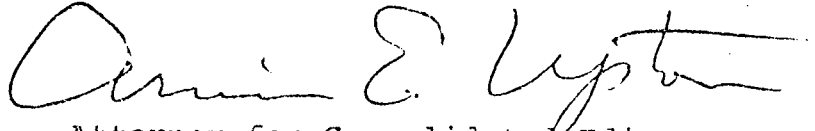
In reply to the Board's question in the last paragraph of the letter, we can state that the work referred to previously in this proceeding has been completed, namely, reinforcement of main steam safety relief valves and pressurizer safety relief valves, modification of other relief valve discharge pipe supports, repair of control rod drives, and correction, cleaning and reinspection of all fuel assemblies and reactor internals. The fuel has been reloaded into the reactor under the fuel loading authorization issued on October 19, 1971. We have now initiated the



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pre-critical testing phase leading up to criticality. If, as we anticipate, the testing license authorized by the Board in its decision of July 14, 1972 is issued promptly by the Commission, the plant will be ready for criticality during the week of September 17.

Very truly yours,



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