

Indian Point Station

May 21, 1973

Mr. James P. O'Keilly, Director  
Regulatory Operations, Region I  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
970 Broad Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Mr. O'Keilly:

In accordance with the requirements of Technical Specification 6.6.1.B for Facility Operating License No. DPR-26 we wish to inform you of an abnormal occurrence which was identified on May 18, 1973 at 0552 hours. In the course of heating up the reactor coolant system preparatory to the conduct of a hydrostatic test, a pressure transient to about 575 psig was experienced due to closure of certain air operated valves associated with the charging and letdown system upon loss of control air.

Our preliminary investigation indicated that the loss of control air was the result of a freeze up of the air supply line at the refrigerant dryer. At the time of the transient, the reactor coolant system was at approximately 440 psig, and 130°F with four reactor coolant pumps in service and all control rods fully inserted.

There was no damage to any system or component nor was there any reason to expect any as a result of the pressure transient. Mr. A. Fasano of your office was informed of the occurrence by Mr. John Makepeace by telephone on May 18, 1973.

In accordance with the requirements of Technical Specification 6.2, notification of the Vice-Chairman of the Nuclear Facilities Safety Committee has been made.

We are currently investigating the cause of the occurrence and will advise you of our findings and corrective action taken in a written report which will be submitted within the required ten (10) days.

Yours truly