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> Re: Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. Indian Foint Unit No. 2 AEC Docket No. 50-247

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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PDR ADOCK

Applicant has received your telegram of August 20, 1973 and the responses of HRFA, CCPE and the Regulatory Staff with respect to the motions filed by Applicant and the Regulatory Staff dated August 16, 1973.

Although Applicant certainly supports the orderly resolution of the issues presented in these motions, Applicant urges the Appeal Board not to delay action on Applicant's exception and motion.

The questions presented by the moving papers are discrete. It is Applicant's position that the Licensing Board erroneously interpreted the meaning of 10 CFR 50.57(c) in its August 9, 1973 Initial Decision. Such an error of law, if allowed to stand pending the resolution of other issues raised herein, could have a substantial detrimental effect on Applicant's ability to continue to test the Indian Point 2 facility on a schedule consistent with plant readiness, regardless of the disposition of such other issues.

Applicant urges the Appeal Board to act favorably and promptly on Applicant's exception and motion, dated August 16, 1973, and to remand the matter to the Licensing Board so that it may have the benefit of the Appeal Board's decision with respect to further consideration of this proceeding.

Finally, consistent with our Answer to the Staff's Motion, dated August 20, 1973, Applicant opposes any extension of time for parties other than the Staff to file exceptions to the Board's Initial Decision dated August 9, 1973. Among other things, such an extension would be unwarranted under 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix A, section IX(d)(3).

Very truly yours,

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