

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

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Docket Nos.

50-3 50-247

and 50-286

Mr. William J. Cahill, Jr. Vice President Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. 4 Irving Place New York, New York 10003

Dear Mr. Cahill:

In recent weeks, through a number of reports in the press and through Consolidated Edison's own press release, we have become aware of Consolidated Edison's current financial difficulties. We have also become aware of the legislation presently before the New York State legislature that would authorize the purchase of Indian Point Unit 3 by the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY).

In view of these developments, we require current information on Consolidated Edison's financial conditions and financing plans so that we may ascertain the status of the Company's financial qualifications with respect to the Indian Point facilities.

The specific information we require is set forth in Enclosure 1 to this letter. We request that you respond within ten (10) days from receipt of this letter, so that we may determine as promptly as possible, whether any additional action or information is required.

Sincerely,

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A. Giambusso, Deputy Director for Reactor Projects Directorate of Licensing

Enclosure: Request for Additional Financial Information

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ENCLOSURE 1

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.

INDIAN POINT STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

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- 1. Describe the probable arrangements that would be allowed by the enabling State legislation under which Consolidated Edison would sell Indian Point 3 to the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY).
- 2. Indicate the sources of funds for completion of the construction of Indian Point Unit 3.
- 3. Identify and state the amount of each major system-wide source of construction funds which will be realized during the twelve months' period beginning June 1, 1974 assuming all of the following:
 - a) Indian Point Unit 3 is not sold to PASNY.
 - b) Indian Point Unit 3 will be completed and on-line on schedule.
 - c) Fuel costs and interest rates remain at thier present levels.

If the aggregate amount of the estimated construction funds is less than the construction budget without adjustment for the sale of the units and completion of their construction by PASNY, indicate whether or not certain construction projects (describe and state the dollars involved) could be delayed to bring about a parity between estimated construction funds and the construction budget.

- 4. Identify and state the amount of each major system-wide source of construction funds for the twelve months' period beginning June 1, 1974, assuming all of the following:
 - a) Indian Point Unit 3 is sold to PASNY at the earliest probable date.
 - b) The sales price that would be received by Consolidated Edison at the date of sale assumed in (a) above.
 - c) The earliest probable date for initial operation of Indian Point Unit 3 by Consolidated Edison as lessee and PASNY as lessor.
 - d) Fuel costs and interest rates remain at their present levels.

- 5. Indicate the "net earnings available for interest" and the "aggregate amount of annual interest charges" as defined in Section 4.01 of the Mortgage Trust Indenture dated as of April 1, 1946 for the most recent twelve months' period. Also, provide projections of such amounts for the twelve months' period beginning June 1, 1974 using (a) the assumptions described in item 3 above and (b) the assumptions in item 4 above.
- 6. Provide copies of the most recent "Net Earnings Available for Interest Certificate" prepared in connection with the issuance of mortgage bonds under the indenture noted above in item 5.
- 7. Indicate the average age of accounts receivable applicable to the following classes of electric service: (a) residential, (b) commercial-industrial, (c) railroads and railways, (d) public authorities, and (e) other electric utilities as of the latest available date and the corresponding date of the previous year.
- 8. Provide copies of Consolidated Edison's most recent balance sheet, income statement, and statement of sources and applications of funds with corresponding data for the prior twelve months' period.

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Dear Mr. Roisman

Thank you for your letter of May 3, 1974. We have been following the situation relating to Consolidated Edison's apparent financial difficulties and have concluded that it is necessary for us to obtain further specific current information with respect to these reported financial difficulties.

We have sent the enclosed letter to Consolidated Edison requesting prompt answers to the questions set forth in the enclosure to the letter. We expect to meet with representatives of the Company shortly. After receipt and assessment of this information, we will inform you of our determination with respect to whether any further action or information is required and whether a specific investigation or show cause order is warranted.

Sincerely,

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