

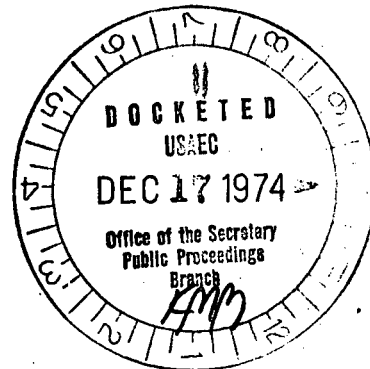
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Mr. Gordon Grant
Secretary
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Re: Consolidated Edison Company of New York
(Indian Point No. 2) - Docket No. 50-247

Dear Mr. Grant:

On December 13, 1974, Hudson River Fishermen Association submitted a request for expert witness and attorneys fees in connection with the above-entitled proceeding. The Environmental Defense Fund was a co-intervenor in that proceeding. We have not requested reimbursement for our costs and expenses. Our costs were relatively minor and we did not wish to create any possible problems of allocation between co-intervenors.

Both Hasty Habicht, the principle EDF technical person, and myself closely followed the development of the case by HRFA and its attorney, Angus Macbeth. Based on these observations and our extensive experience with environmental issues we have reached the following conclusions:

1. But for the efforts of HRFA the entire issue of larvae entrainment and fish impingement would not have been properly developed on the record.
2. But for the efforts of HRFA the Staff would not have issued a Final Environmental Statement which thoroughly addressed these issues and proposed a solution to them.

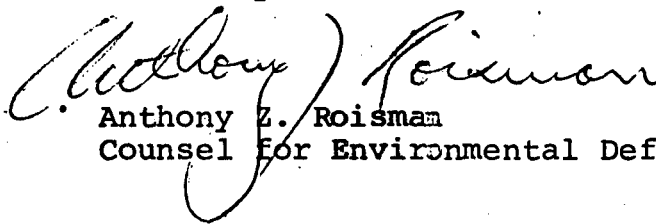
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3. But for the efforts of HRFA Indian Point #2 would have received a license to operate without any condition regarding the use of closed-cycle cooling for the plant.
4. The calibre of presentation by HRFA, both its experts and attorneys, were some of the finest we have ever seen and clearly far exceeded the average.

On the basis of these conclusions we wholeheartedly endorse the HRFA application for reimbursement of costs and urge that the Commission take prompt and favorable action on it.

Sincerely,



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Counsel for Environmental Defense Fund

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CC: All parties of record.