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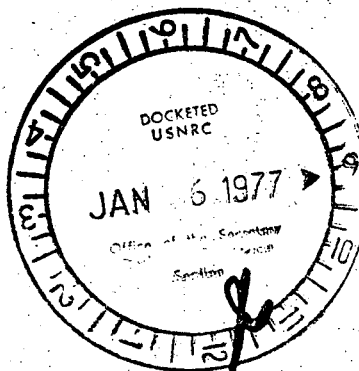
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Re: Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc.
(Indian Point Station, Unit No. 2), Dkt.
No. 50-247 (Extension of Interim Operation
Period)

Dear Mr. Lewis:

In response to your letter of December 27, 1976 to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board and the parties in the Indian Point 2 "extension" proceeding, we wish to express our concern, as counsel for Consolidated Edison Company, at the further hearing delay that the Staff's preparation of a Benefit/Cost Analysis appears to be engendering. The schedule for submission of the supplement to the Draft Environmental Statement has, it appears, already slipped two weeks from the estimate originally provided to the Board, and your letter appears to indicate that further slippage is within the realm of possibility.

Any further delays will be prejudicial to Con Edison's right to a meaningful hearing on its application for an extension of the period of interim operation, as contemplated

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by the Operating License for Indian Point 2. We trust that the Regulatory Staff will exert its best efforts to insure that the dates stated in its letter to the Board are strictly adhered to, in order that this proceeding may be brought to a timely conclusion.

Very truly yours,

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