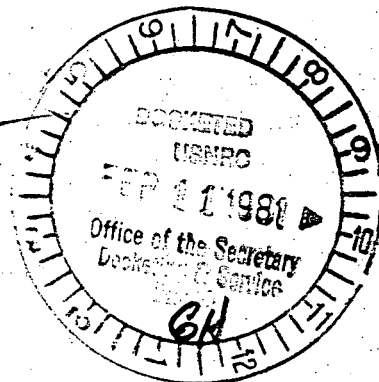




UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

FEB 6 1981



The Honorable Toby Moffett, Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment, Energy and
Natural Resources
Committee on Government Operations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

DOCKET NUMBER

PROD. & UTIL. FAC.

50-247/286

Dear Mr. Chairman:

With reference to your letter to the Commission dated November 5, 1980, I am enclosing a copy of the Commission's recent Memorandum and Order, dated January 8, 1981, designating the issues it wishes addressed in the upcoming adjudication on the long-term safety of the Indian Point plants and discussing interim operation of the two units.

The Order notes that the two are owned and operated by different entities. It lets stand the Commission's July 15, 1980 determination to allow operation of Unit 3 pending the outcome of the adjudication. With respect to Unit 2, it states that the Commission itself will determine, prior to resumption of operation, whether its earlier decision to permit continued operation remains valid, noting that the unit is scheduled to be shut down for some months for repairs and refueling.

The Order contains as Appendix A a comparison showing that the containment fan cooler units at Unit 3 are in markedly better condition than those that resulted in the recent leaks at Unit 2.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Rep. Joel Deckard



DSOB
S/1

8102170 554