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Mr. David M. Seymour
 Member, Board of Directors
 Hudson River Fishermen's Association
 R.F.D. #1
 Garrison, New York 10524

Dear Mr. Seymour:

I am sorry for the delay in answering your letter of March 18, 1972, regarding interim licensing of nuclear power plants and environmental matters, particularly in relation to Consolidated Edison's Indian Point Unit No. 2.

The issuance of a temporary license would not deprive the public of a full review of the health and safety and environmental matters which may be contested nor would it prejudice the position of any party who is participating in the contested hearing on the full-term license. If any temporary license is issued by the Commission it would be done after due consideration of environmental factors as described in our Appendix D. In addition, the final Commission action would be subject to judicial review under the Administrative Orders Review Act of 1969.

The Commission is also well aware and concerned about the potential mortality of fish eggs and larvae and the recent fish kills during testing of two of the circulating pumps of the intake structure of Indian Point. This subject, as well as the critical need for power for the New York Metropolitan area, is addressed in the enclosed copy of the Draft Detailed Statement on Environmental Considerations of Indian Point Unit No. 2, dated April 13, 1972. The Draft Statement describes in the summary and conclusions the action planned by the Commission to minimize the environmental impact from operation of this plant. After the 30-day period for comments from Federal, State and local agencies and the public is completed on June 2, 1972, the Commission will prepare the Final Environmental Impact Statement on this plant.

If we can be of further service to you, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
 A. Giambusso

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

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