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Docket Nos. 50-247
and 50-286

Mr. Kenneth E. Bay
27 Maple Avenue
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706

Dear Mr. Bay:

Thank you for your letter of December 7, 1973 in which you indicate that you are a resident of the service area of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. and also interested as a fisherman in all areas of the environment.

For your information, on September 25, 1973, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board issued the Initial Decision for the licensing of Indian Point Unit No. 2 in which it ordered that a closed-cycle cooling system be installed by May 1, 1978 to reduce the impact on the aquatic biota of the Hudson River and the Mid-Atlantic Ocean. This requirement is now a part of the operating license for Unit No. 2.

In its Draft Environmental Statement for Indian Point Unit No. 3, the Regulatory staff has, similarly, recommended that this plant operate with an alternate closed-cycle cooling system by May 1, 1978. A copy of this statement has been sent to you under separate cover. During the interim period, the applicant will be required to limit effluents and minimize damage to the aquatic biota, mainly striped bass, through the Environmental Technical Specifications and a plan of action due from the applicant by July 1, 1974 to control any observable impact on the fishery.

In reference to the Storm King Project, the Federal Power Commission is the agency which is responsible for any licensing action taken on this project. Although the Atomic Energy Commission is interested in potential impacts of other plants on the Hudson River, it has no jurisdiction as to any licensing action taken on non-nuclear plants. Therefore, I would recommend that you express your concern regarding the Storm King Project to the Federal Power Commission.

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It should be of interest to you that the public hearing for licensing of Indian Point Unit No. 3 is planned to be held on April 25, 1974, at the Springvale Inn in Croton-on-Hudson. Members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend these hearings. Transcripts of the hearings are also placed in public document rooms at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and the Hendrick Hudson Free Library, Montrose, New York. We encourage the use of these rooms by the concerned citizenry, in keeping with our policy of public disclosure of our actions related to licensing of central station nuclear power plants.

We hope this information has been of help to you. If we can be of further service to you, please feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Gordon K. Dicker

for

Daniel R. Muller, Assistant Director
for Environmental Projects
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