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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
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Docket No. 50-286

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Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
4 Irving Place
New York, New York 10003

Attention: Mr. W. Donham Crawford
Administrative Vice President

Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your request dated July 23, 1968, for an exemption pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, from the provisions of 10 CFR 50.10(b) which would permit pouring the concrete for the base mat, installing the bottom liner plates and transition knuckle plates, and installing the reinforcing steel for the base concrete over the bottom liner plates at Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3.

You state that your justification for the exemption request is the need to have Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3 available for commercial operation by June 1972, to meet the projected summer 1972 electric power requirements of your system and of the region in which it is located.

We have reviewed the supporting information contained in your request for an exemption and have concluded that the granting of an exemption, as requested in your letter dated July 23, 1968, is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission authorizes you to proceed at your own risk, prior to the issuance of a construction permit, with the following operations:

1. Pouring of the base mat concrete of the containment building up to the bottom liner plate. This includes the walls of the reactor vessel cavity and the recirculating pump pit.

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2. Installation of the bottom liner plates and transition knuckle plates.
3. Installation of the rebar for the base concrete over the bottom liner plates.

I wish to emphasize that the granting of this exemption shall have no effect on the subsequent granting or denial of a construction permit for the proposed Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3. Any work performed pursuant to this exemption shall be performed entirely at the risk of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., as you have already acknowledged. Furthermore, the granting of this exemption does not constitute an approval of the type or adequacy of the proposed containment structure and associated appurtenances by the Commission or the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards nor does it imply any commitment of an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Harold L. Price
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Director of Regulation

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Rewritten at request of Mr. Price to delete portion of para. 2.