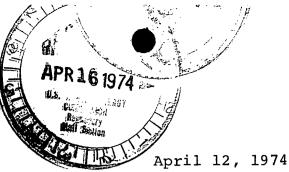
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Indian Point Unit No. 3 Construction Permit No. CPPR-62 AEC Docket No. 50-286

Mr. John F. O'Leary, Director Directorate of Licensing U. S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. O'Leary

This letter is submitted for the purpose of supplementing Edison's Motion to Extend Completion Date filed on January 18, 1974 with respect to the above-numbered Construction Permit.

Continuing delays have occurred in connection with the construction of this facility. At the time that the Motion was submitted, we anticipated that the facility would be ready for fuel loading in August 1974. More recently, we have been advised by our principal contractors that Indian Point Unit No. 3 will not be ready for fuel loading until late November 1974. We have previously informed both Region I of the Directorate of Regulatory Operations and the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board assigned to hear the cause of this fact.

As indicated in our January 18, 1974 Motion, this delay has been occasioned by difficulties regarding labor availability, shipping, and AEC-required design modifications. Labor productivity has also been an important factor. We cannot estimate what proportion of the delay is attributable to each of these considerations, but we judge that the aggregate delay from all these causes is approximately nine (9) months beyond the previously granted Construction Permit expiration date of March 1, 1974. Accordingly, the earliest possible completion date is now estimated to be December 1, 1974.

Based on our past experience with construction schedule estimates, we feel that a further period of three (3) months should be added to this period as a contingency to account for uncertainties and the limited accuracy with which future events can be predicted. Accordingly, an extension of one year to March 1, 1975 is being sought.

Please advise us if any additional information will be required in connection with the Motion to Extend Completion Date.

Very truly yours

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