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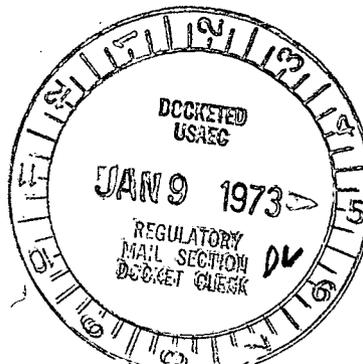
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Re: Consolidated Edison Company
of New York, Inc.
Indian Point Unit No. 3
AEC Docket No. 50-286

Dear Mr. Giambusso:

In response to your letter of November 20, 1972 relative to densification of light water reactor fuel and its effects on reactor operation, we would like to request an extension of the 45-day period specified for the response. Westinghouse Electric Corporation, who is the fuel supplier for our reactor, has informed us that they have had detailed discussions with you, on a generic basis, of the fuel densification experience. In addition, they have developed the required analytical techniques to perform the analysis specified in your "Technical Report on Densification of Light Water Fuels" and have discussed these methods with the AEC Staff. In general, the Westinghouse methods are consistent with your requirements and we understand the remaining questions on some details are currently being resolved.

Because of the number of reactor plants that Westinghouse is committed to review, they have informed us that preparation of a comprehensive response to your November 20, 1972 letter will require additional time. We will inform you shortly of the schedule for a response on Indian Point Unit 3. This response will include the results of the analyses and other relevant data for determining the consequences



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of densification on normal operation, anticipated transients, and accidents, including the postulated loss-of-coolant accident. If changes in operating conditions are required because of the fuel densification, revisions to the Technical Specifications will be proposed.

Very truly yours,

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