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Honorable Samuel R. Madison
Secretary
Public Service Commission
State of New York
44 Holland Avenue
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Dear Mr. Madison:

I am pleased to respond to your letter dated December 17, 1969 to Chairman Seaborg, with which you enclosed a copy of a memorandum of Commissioner John T. Ryan concerning the inability of Consolidated Edison to supply demands for electricity without again reducing voltage, shedding load or taking other similar steps.

The Atomic Energy Commission is aware of the Northeast's continuing need for electric power and shares your concern regarding this matter.

We are now conducting our safety review of the application for a Provisional Operating License submitted by Consolidated Edison for Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2. In addition to the review by the Commission's regulatory staff, an independent safety review will be made by the Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. We anticipate that these reviews will be completed by late spring of this year, which is consistent with Consolidated Edison's estimated completion date for Unit No. 2.

Following our usual procedures, we should be in a position to act on the operating license for the Indian Point Unit No. 2 within about two months after the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards completes its review. However, if a request for a hearing on the application is filed and granted by the Commission, action on the operating license would be delayed for a considerable period.

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Consolidated Edison has indicated that it plans to submit an application for an operating license for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3 around September 1970. The review of the application for this plant will follow a schedule similar to that for Unit No. 2.

If I may answer further questions on this subject please let me know.

Sincerely,

(signed) Harold L. Price

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Director of Regulation

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