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**In the Matter of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
Indian Point Unit No. 3
Docket No. 50-286**

Gentlemen:

In a letter dated April 16, 1969, Chairman Jensch forwarded a letter received from Intervenor Mary Hays Weik dated April 12, 1969. Mr. Jensch indicated that in accordance with Miss Weik's letter, she would be permitted to present her witnesses on April 28, if there is no objection by the parties.

We are pleased to accommodate Miss Weik by agreeing that her evidence may be presented out of order.

The staff also wishes to request special handling of certain areas of evidence in order that some of our witnesses may be excused as soon as possible. The areas are (1) meteorology - hydrology (Mr. Spickler), (2) iodine removal and filter efficiency considerations (Mr. Burley), and (3) the role of the Division of Compliance in inspecting an applicant's quality assurance program (Mr. Henderson).

We would propose that the witnesses for the applicant and staff in these areas respond to the questions raised by the board at the pre-hearing conference, be cross-examined by the parties, be interrogated by the board, and present any redirect testimony prior to the applicant

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and the staff proceeding to answer the board's questions in other areas. This approach would permit the specialists for both parties in these areas to be excused in order to return to their other duties. I have explored this approach with the other counsel who have agreed in principle.

Sincerely,

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