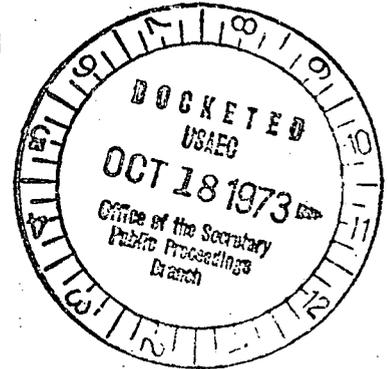




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Chief Administrative Law Judge
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545

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

Dear Mr. Jensch:

The regulatory staff is in receipt of your letter of October 4, 1973 to Harry H. Voigt inquiring as to the need for and scheduling of a further pre-hearing conference in the above captioned proceeding. I have also received Mr. Voigt's reply to you dated October 10, 1973 and Mr. Robinson's reply dated October 12, 1973.

The staff concurs with both Mr. Voigt and Mr. Robinson that a prehearing conference at this time would not be useful. The staff today issued its Draft Environmental Statement. I believe that after all the parties have had an opportunity to review the DES, everyone will be in a better position to determine the extent of discovery and other prehearing preparation which must be undertaken.

Accordingly, I agree with both Mr. Voigt and Mr. Robinson that a conference approximately six weeks from now would be more productive than one at an earlier date. The dates of either November 30 or December 3, 1973, suggested by Mr. Voigt, are acceptable to the staff.

Sincerely,

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