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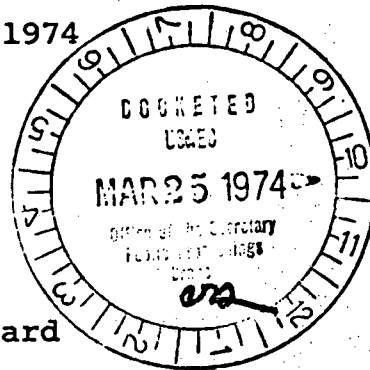
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Re: Consolidated Edison
Company of New York, Inc.
(Indian Point Unit 3)
Docket No. 50-286

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In your letter of January 28, you inquired concerning the most recent information as to the construction schedule for Indian Point 3. On February 4, I reported to you that Applicant would have an up-to-date schedule of remaining construction around the end of February.

On March 4, Mr. Cahill wrote to Mr. O'Reilly enclosing a revised construction schedule for Indian Point 3 and stating that the scheduled date for fuel loading at the plant is now November 1974. Following receipt of that information, I have contacted the other parties to see if agreement could be reached concerning a postponement of the evidentiary hearings presently scheduled to commence on May 14. The desirability of any substantial postponement depends in part upon the willingness of the intervenors to agree to the issuance of a limited operating license under 10 C.F.R. § 50.57(c) should Applicant find it desirable to apply for such authority. (You will recall that a stipulation along similar lines was entered into in the Indian Point 2 proceeding.) While I believe that an agreement upon

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this subject can and will be reached, further discussions among the parties will be required before any stipulation can be presented to the Board.

Accordingly, I am transmitting the requested information concerning scheduling to the Board at this time without any recommendation concerning a postponement of the evidentiary hearings. Applicant intends to pursue the latter question and advise the Board further as quickly as possible.

Very truly yours,

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