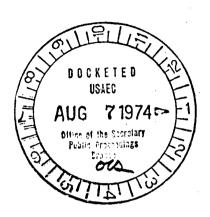


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In re: Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
(Indian Point Unit 3)
Docket No. 50-286

Dear Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of the motion by the Applicant in this case seeking an order for testing purposes of the Indian Point No. 3 facility. The motion appears in conformity with the ruling by the Appeal Board in the Indian Point No. 2 proceeding which eliminated the limitation in reference to 1 percent of power.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board requests the following information, supported by affidavit material, respecting the following items: an enumeration of the major and minor items of construction that must be completed before initial core loading can be undertaken, as well as an enumeration of non-nuclear testing processes that must be completed before core loading. In reference to both enumerations, Applicant is requested to project a time schedule for each enumeration and the major items thereof.

All parties are requested to submit a statement respecting the effect of the recent Commission ruling in response to the question certified in relation to the above motion filed by the Applicant. This inquiry is particularly directed to the concerns expressed by the Board at the prehearing conferences which have been held in this proceeding, specifically the quality assurance matters.

The Board notes that the Final Environmental Statement (FES) has not been issued and the date projected for its release has not been indicated. The Board also notes that the National Environmental Policy Act requires that the FES accompany the entire review process. The parties are requested to comment on the necessity of the FES being received before consideration of the issuance of the low power testing license.

Very truly yours,

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Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

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