

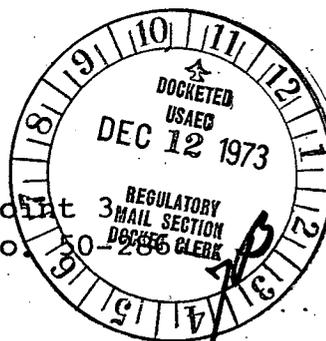
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December 5, 1973

Mr. Manning L. Muntzing
Director of Regulation
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545



Re: Indian Point 3
Docket No. 50-286

Dear Mr. Muntzing:

Con Edison's comments on the Draft Environmental Statement by the Directorate of Licensing related to the operation of Indian Point Nuclear Generating Plant Unit No. 3, issued October 1973, are due December 10, 1973. In accordance with the telephone conversation between you and Mr. Arvin E. Upton on November 30, this is to advise you that Con Edison is unable to present its comments by that date and will endeavor to get them to you as soon as possible, but in no event later than December 24, 1973.

The reason for this inability is the highly critical problem concerning the availability of fuel to operate the fossil-fueled generating stations furnishing electricity to New York City and Westchester County. Con Edison's fuel oil suppliers have drastically curtailed their supply. Con Edison is endeavoring to obtain alternate fuels and also to obtain from regulatory officials in New York City and New York State variances from air pollution rules in order to permit the Company to burn available fuels. The officers of the Company, particularly those concerned with environmental affairs, are actively working on this highly critical problem and are unable to give the necessary attention to the comments on the Draft Environmental Statement. In view of the recent delay in the commencement of the hearing from February 4, 1974 to May 14, 1974, it would seem clear that the fuel supply problems must be given priority and that an extension of time in filing comments on the Draft Environmental Statement would not present any significant problem.

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Sincerely yours,

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December 6, 1973

This confirms telephone conversation of this morning re Mr. Woodbury's letter dated December 5, 1973. The original mailed December 5 incorrectly gave May 24, 1974 as commencement of the hearing (4th line from bottom). Attached is corrected copy of letter.

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