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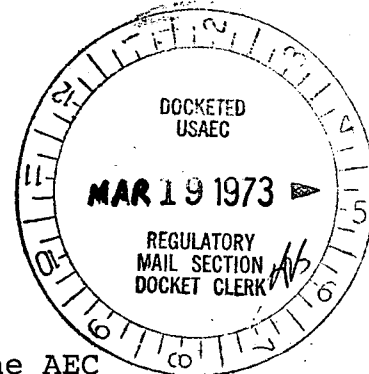
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March 15, 1973

Re: Docket No. 50-286
Indian Point Unit No. 3

Mr. George W. Knighton
Chief, Environmental Projects Branch No. 1
Directorate of Licensing
United States Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545



Dear Mr. Knighton:

We appreciated the opportunity to acquaint the AEC Staff with Indian Point Unit No. 3 through a site visit, and present to the Staff the clarifying information it required in order for it to prepare the AEC's Draft Environmental Statement for Unit No. 3. We trust that if the need arises for additional site visits and/or meetings, the Staff will not hesitate to contact Con Edison.

On March 8, 1973 we received your March 5, 1973 letter requesting a "completely adequate response" to thirteen pages of Environmental questions by March 15, 1973. Considering the nature of many of the questions and the detailed, explanations required by the Staff in the past, the time allotted for our response seems unreasonable. As it is, we consider even one month an extremely short time to prepare a responsive document, with accompanying figures and tables, suitable for inclusion in the Environmental Report for Indian Point No. 3.

To be as responsive as possible to the Staff's request, and avoid any delay in the licensing review, we are sending under separate cover those answers which are of a regulatory nature.

We will, of course, comply with your request to the fullest extent possible, and submit within a month (via a supplement to the Environmental Report) most of the information you requested in your letter of March 5, 1973. Some items, such as requests for compilations of data over extended periods of time, obviously will take longer because of the necessary data acquisition and reductions, and we will discuss their scope and timing with your staff.

Sincerely,

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