

Docket No. 50-286

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Mr. Edward J. Bauser
Executive Director
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
Congress of the United States

Dear Mr. Bauser:

The Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., is the holder of Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-62, issued by the Atomic Energy Commission on August 13, 1969. The construction permit authorizes the licensee to construct a pressurized water nuclear power reactor designated as the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3, at the licensee's site in Westchester County, New York. The facility is designed for initial operation at approximately 3,025 megawatts (thermal).

In accordance with section E.3 of the Commission's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Appendix D of 10 CFR Part 50 (Appendix D), the licensee has furnished to the Commission a written statement of reasons, with supporting factual submission, why the construction permit should not be suspended, in whole or in part, pending completion of the NEPA environmental review. This statement of reasons was furnished to the Commission on October 18, 1971.

The Director of Regulation has considered the licensee's submission in light of the criteria set out in section E.2 of Appendix D, and has determined, after considering and balancing criteria in section E.2 of Appendix D, that construction activities at the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3 authorized pursuant to CPPR-62 should not be suspended pending completion of the NEPA environmental review.

Further details of this determination are set forth in a document entitled "Discussion and Findings by the Division of Reactor Licensing, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Relating to Consideration of Suspension Pending NEPA Environmental Review of the Provisional Construction Permit for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3, Docket No. 50-286," copy enclosed.

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A copy of a related notice which has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

(signed) L. Manning Muntzing

L. Manning Muntzing
Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

- 1. Discussion and Findings
- 2. Federal Register Notice

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