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Docket No. 50-286

Consolidated Edison Company of
New York, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. William J. Cahill, Jr.
Vice President
4 Irving Place
New York, New York 10003

Gentlemen:

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) you furnished to the Commission by letter dated October 18, 1971, a statement of reasons, with supporting factual submission, why Provisional Construction Permit No. CPPR-62 for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3, should not be suspended, in whole or in part, pending completion of the NEPA environmental review.

The Director of Regulation has considered your 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 Provisional Construction Permit No. 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,

Original signed by F. Schroeder



Peter A. Morris, Director
Division of Reactor Licensing

Enclosures:

1. Discussion & Findings
2. Federal Register Notice

cc w/encls:

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