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Re: Indian Point Station, Unit No. 3
Dkt. No. 50-286, OL No. DPR-64

Dear Dr. Geckler:

By notice published in the Federal Register on August 15, 1977, 42 Fed. Reg. 41195 (1977), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission solicited comments on the Draft Environmental Statement issued by the Regulatory Staff in connection with selection of a preferred closed-cycle cooling system for installation at Indian Point Station, Unit No. 3 (NUREG-0296). Power Authority of the State of New York, as owner of this facility and co-holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-64, has reviewed the Staff's draft statement, and as their attorneys we respectfully submit the attached detailed comments.

As discussed with Stephen H. Lewis, Esq. of the Office of the Executive Legal Director's on September 26, 1977, a detailed review of the economics portion of this draft statement to the staff is being performed and will be submitted to the staff no later than October 24, 1977. Preliminary comments with respect to the economics portion of NUREG-0296 are, however, provided herewith, and for convenience we have attached to our comments

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a further copy of pertinent information on the economics of cooling tower, construction and operation that was submitted earlier this year by the Power Authority to the Environmental Protection Agency and provided to the Regulatory Staff.

We would appreciate receiving copies of any comments that may be received from other sources concerning NUREG-0296 as soon as possible, in order that we may review and comment on these as well.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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