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Re: Indian Point Unit No. 2
Docket No. 50-247

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SUBJECT: Response to Request for Additional Information (RAI), Steam
Generator Tube Acceptance Criteria Technical Specification
Amendment Request

By letter dated July 29, 1996, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requested additional information from Consolidated Edison Company of New York (Con Edison) to finalize its review of Con Edison's proposed amendment to Technical Specifications involving steam generator tube sleeving.

The NRC staff recommended that steam generator tube sleeve examinations should include the examination of the original tube in addition to the sleeve and that the inspection program expansion should be based on pluggable indications in the sleeve or in the associated tube. This recommendation is based on industry experience that indicates that the most likely area for degradation, if any occurs, is at the sleeve-to-tube joint. It was also recommended that Regulatory Guide 1.83 not be referenced in the Technical Specification Basis Section.

Con Edison has always considered that the sleeve-to-tube interface area could contain process-induced stresses and would be part of the sleeve inspections. Enclosure 1 to this letter is a revised Technical Specification Section 4.13 which clarifies the required inspection and program expansion criteria. The Regulatory Guide 1.83 reference in the Basis Section of Technical Specifications has not been modified by the proposed sleeving amendment request and therefore, will be considered for removal in a future administrative update of the Technical Specifications.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Charles W. Jackson, Manager, Nuclear Safety and Licensing.

Very truly yours,



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