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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
Extension of Second Ten Year Inservice Inspection,
and Inservice Testing Intervals, and the Containment
Integrated Leak Rate Test Interval

Dear Sir:

The Authority is submitting this letter to inform the NRC that it is extending the Indian Point 3 (IP3) second ten year Inservice Inspection (ISI) Program interval, and the Containment Integrated Leak Rate Test (ILRT) interval, by twenty-eight (28) months in accordance with NRC regulations and the IP3 Technical Specifications. In addition, the Authority is extending the IP3 second ten year Inservice Testing (IST) Program interval by sixteen (16) months to establish identical interval schedules for both the ISI and IST programs.

The second ten year ISI interval currently covers the period from August 30, 1986 to August 29, 1996. The current IST interval covers the period from August 31, 1987 to August 30, 1997. This revision extends the ISI, IST, and ILRT intervals through December 30, 1998.

Indian Point 3 was in an extended outage for twenty-eight months from February 27, 1993 to June 29, 1995. The ASME Section XI Code applicable to IP3 (1983 Edition - Summer 1983 Addenda, Paragraph IWA-2400(c)) permits an extension of the interval for a period equivalent to the duration of the outage. The Containment ILRT interval is extended by the same period as the ISI Program interval so that the third ILRT, performed during the interval, will coincide with the plant shutdown for the ten year ISI inspection, as required by Section 4.4.A.3 of the IP3 Technical Specifications, and 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Paragraph III.D.1(a).

The IST interval is being extended to coincide with the new ISI interval to permit the application of the same edition of the ASME Section XI Code to both programs. The basis for this change is the NRC guidance in Section 3.3.1 of NUREG-1482, Guidelines for Inservice Testing at Nuclear Power Plants.

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The Authority is making no new commitments in this submittal.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison,
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Very truly yours,


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