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

Reference: NYPA letter, W. J. Cahill, Jr. to NRC (IPN-96-006), "Extension of the Second Ten Year Inservice Inspection, and Inservice Testing Intervals, and the Containment Integrated Leak Rate Test Interval," dated January 22, 1996.

Dear Sir:

The Authority is submitting this letter to inform the NRC of a second extension to the Indian Point 3 second ten year Inservice Inspection (ISI) Program interval, and the Containment Integrated Leak Rate Test (ILRT) interval. The extension will add an additional twenty-nine (29) weeks to these inspection intervals as permitted by NRC regulations, and will accommodate the Authority's plans to perform the augmented examination of vessel welds during the tenth refueling outage scheduled for the spring of 1999. In addition, the Authority is extending the Indian Point 3 second ten year Inservice Testing (IST) Program interval by twenty-nine weeks (29) to establish identical interval schedules for both the ISI and IST programs. These revisions extend the ISI, IST, and ILRT intervals through July 21, 1999.

The second ten year ISI interval originally covered the period from August 30, 1986 to August 29, 1996. Subsequently, as documented in the referenced letter, the ISI and ILRT intervals were extended by twenty-eight (28) months to reflect the Indian Point 3 extended outage from February 27, 1993 through June 29, 1995. This resulted in an extension of the ISI and ILRT intervals through December 30, 1998. The original IST interval was extended by sixteen (16) months to establish an inspection interval that coincided with the ISI interval.

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Indian Point 3 experienced a second extended outage of twenty-nine (29) weeks from September 14, 1995 through April 5, 1996. 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 an outage that exceeds six months. Exercising this provision of the code based on both extended outages results in an ISI interval that extends through July 21, 1999.

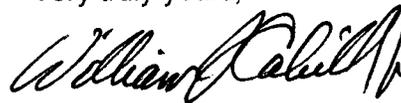
The Containment ILRT interval is extended by the same period as the ISI Program interval so that the third ILRT, performed during the interval, will coincide with the plant shutdown for the ten year ISI inspection, as required by Section 4.4.A.3 of the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications, and 10 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.

At the time the NRC rule requiring augmented examination of vessel welds was published in August 1992, there were two remaining refueling outages scheduled during the second ten year ISI interval. The effect of extending the second ten year ISI interval to reflect the two extended outages does not change the number of refueling outages available to accommodate the augmented and other ISI examinations; i.e., during the period from August 1992 to the end of the extended ISI interval, two refueling outages are planned (2nd quarter of 1997 and 2nd quarter of 1999).

The Authority is making no new commitments in this submittal. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison, Director-Nuclear Licensing.

Very truly yours,



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