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Subject:

Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant

Docket No. 50-286

Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Instrumentation and Controls Surveillance Extension

References:

- 1. NRC Letter, George F. Wunder to William J. Cahill, Jr., dated September 4, 1996, "Request for Additional Information Regarding Instrumentation and Controls Surveillance Extension (TAC M95867)."
- 2. NYPA Letter (IPN-96-067), William J. Cahill, Jr. to NRC, dated June 21, 1996, "Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications Regarding Surveillance Intervals for Instrument Channels to Accommodate a 24 Month Operating Cycle."
- NYPA Letter (IPN-96-086), William J. Cahill, Jr. to NRC, dated August 3. 19, 1996, "Supplement to Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications Regarding Surveillance Intervals for Accumulator Level and Pressure Instrument Channels to Accommodate a 24-Month Operating Cycle."
- NYPA Letter (IPN-96-090), William J. Cahill, Jr. to NRC, dated August 4. 21, 1996, "Response to Request for Additional Information regarding Instrumentation and Controls Surveillance Extension."

Dear Sir:

This letter provides the New York Power Authority response to NRC questions (Reference 1) on our application for amendment (References 2 and 3), regarding the surveillance intervals of four instrument channels. These responses, previously discussed with the NRC staff at a meeting on August 15, 1996, describe the data and statistical analysis techniques used by Westinghouse Electric Corporation to calculate the instrument drift values that support the Authority's application for amendment. Additional information regarding the drift analysis methodology was provided in Reference 4.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation asserts that portions of the information requested contain proprietary information. Therefore, Attachments I and II provide the proprietary and nonChange Rishbuthon: PDR The Every
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proprietary versions of this information, respectively. Attachment I includes a Westinghouse authorization letter (CAW-96-1000), accompanying affidavit, Proprietary Information Notice, and Copyright Notice. The affidavit sets forth the basis on which the information may be withheld from public disclosure by the Commission and addresses the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the information which is proprietary to Westinghouse be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with the Commission's regulations. Correspondence with respect to the copyright or proprietary aspects of the information contained in Attachment I or the supporting Westinghouse Affidavit should reference CAW-96-1000 and should be addressed to:

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In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this application and the attachment not withheld from public disclosure are being submitted to the designated New York State official.

There are no new commitments associated with this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ken Peters.

Very truly yours

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