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SUBJECT: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-333
Severe Accident Management Implementation

REFERENCES:

1. NYPA letter, IPN-95-040 / JPN-95-018, "Severe Accident Management," dated March 28, 1995.
2. "Formal Industry Position on Severe Accident Management," dated November 21, 1994.
3. NRC letter to NEI, regarding severe accident management, dated January 28, 1998.
4. NEI letter to NRC, R. E. Beedle to S. J. Collins, "Severe Accident Management Implementation," dated April 3, 1998.

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Commission of a revised scheduled completion date to a commitment made to the NRC on March 28, 1995 (Reference 1) for both the Indian Point 3 and James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plants. In Reference 1, the Commission was notified of the Authority's intent to implement the formal industry position on Severe Accident Management (SAM), approved by the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) Nuclear Strategic Issues Advisory Committee on November 4, 1994. The NEI formal position was previously communicated to the NRC in Reference 2.

The Authority stated, in part, that implementation of the SAM improvements was scheduled to be completed at both plants by June 30, 1998. The Authority has revised this implementation date to December 31, 1998. The revision to the implementation date will allow the Authority to evaluate the recent correspondence between the NRC and NEI (References 3 and 4) on SAM

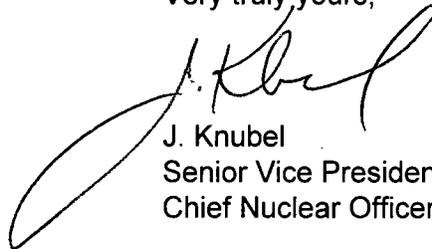
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guidance to determine if any changes to the Authority's programs are required and to complete this project.

The revised commitments made by this letter are contained in Attachment I. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. Faison.

Very truly yours,



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Attachment: as stated
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Attachment I to IPN-98-050 / JPN-98-016

Commitment List

NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY

INDIAN POINT 3 NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-286

DPR-64

JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-333

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List of Commitments

Indian Point 3

Commitment Number	Commitment	Due Date
IPN-98-050-01 (revises IPN-95-040-01)	Implement Severe Accident Management enhancements for the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant.	December 31, 1998

James A. FitzPatrick

Commitment Number	Commitment	Due Date
JPN-98-016-01 (revises JPN-95-018-01)	Implement Severe Accident Management enhancements for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant.	December 31, 1998