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SUBJECT: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
License No. DPR-64
Withdrawal of Commitment for Radwaste Intertie Line between IP3 and IP1

- Reference: 1. NRC letter to NYPA, IAL-80-03, dated February 8, 1980.
2. NYPA letter to NRC, IP-WDH-8149, dated March 10, 1980.

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of recent changes to a shared facility agreement between the New York Power Authority and Con Edison, and of the Authority's plan to physically sever and retire in place the radioactive liquid waste disposal intertie line between Indian Point 3 and Indian Point 1.

Reference 1 confirmed the Authority's planned actions in response to NRC concerns regarding the volume of liquid radwaste generation and processing. The listed commitment required the Authority to establish a written agreement with Con Edison to ensure that liquid radioactive waste would be processed and that a minimum storage capacity of 30,000 gallons would be reserved by Con Edison for IP3. The radwaste intertie would be the interconnection through which such a service would be provided. The Authority described the implementation of its actions in Reference 2.

The above commitment was incorporated in Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) No. 15 between the Authority and Con Edison. MOU No. 15 was one of several written agreements that had been negotiated as a result of the Authority's application to purchase and be the sole licensed operator of IP3. The MOUs reflect the arrangement for plant facilities located on the Con Edison property and whose use was to be shared by the Authority and Con Edison. The Authority and Con Edison have recently renegotiated and signed a revision to MOU No.15 which eliminates the provision for liquid radwaste transfer and storage and the use of the radwaste intertie line.

Since 1985, the Authority has not transferred any liquid waste to IP1 and does not anticipate the need for any transfer in the future. The current design of the IP3 radioactive liquid waste processing system includes a Processing Skid supplied by a vendor, and located inside the

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Fuel Storage Building, which provides adequate design capacity for the liquid radwaste processing requirements of IP3.

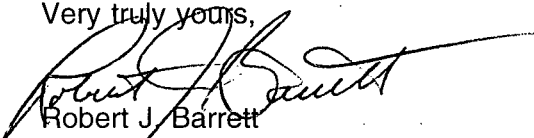
The Authority has evaluated this change under 10 CFR 50.59 and appropriate sections of the FSAR that reference the subject intertie line will be revised. The radwaste intertie line is not referenced in the original 1973 IP3 SER issued by the NRC or any of the supplements and it is not governed by the IP3 Technical Specifications.

Therefore, the Authority is withdrawing the commitment regarding the radwaste intertie line and plans to sever this line and retire it in place.

The Authority is making no new commitments in this letter.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. K. Peters at (914) 736-8029.

Very truly yours,



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This letter creates no additional commitments. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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