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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-286  
**Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications  
Regarding Accumulator Level and Pressure Instrumentation**

Reference: 1. Licensee Event Notification 30087 for Indian Point 3, dated March 8, 1996.  
2. NUREG 1431, "Standard Technical Specifications - Westinghouse Plants,"  
Revision 1, dated April 1995.

Dear Sir:

This application for amendment to the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications proposes to delete a footnote regarding accumulator level and pressure instrumentation from Table 4.1-1, "Minimum Frequencies for Checks, Calibrations and Tests of Instrument Channels." The footnote requires that a minimum of two accumulators be interconnected for the purpose of cross checking instrumentation in the event that one of the two pressure or level instrument channels on an accumulator is declared inoperable.

The Power Authority has determined that the plant safety analyses do not consider having two or more accumulators interconnected during a postulated Loss of Coolant Accident. This condition was previously reported to the NRC (Reference 1). The proposed amendment is consistent with the Standard Technical Specifications (Reference 2) and Westinghouse has determined that other plants with custom Technical Specifications do not have this requirement.

The Power Authority requests expedited review of this application for amendment. Immediate action is not required at this time because all of the affected instrument channels are operable. Enclosed for filing is the signed original of a document entitled, "Application for Amendment to Operating License," together with Attachments I and II, comprising a statement of the proposed changes to the Technical Specifications and the associated Safety Evaluation.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, a copy of this application and the associated attachments are being submitted to the designated New York State official.

The Power Authority makes no new commitments in this submittal. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. K. Peters.

Very truly yours,

  
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