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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant Docket No. 50-286 Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications Regarding Departure from Nucleate Boiling Limits

References: 1. NYPA letter IPN-95-085; L. M. Hill to NRC, regarding LER 95-014 Low Pressure Operation; dated August 11, 1995.

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 add requirements associated with Departure from Nucleate Boiling limits, as committed in Reference 1. This change will clarify specified limits for reactor coolant system pressure, temperature, and flow rate to ensure that the minimum Departure from Nucleate Boiling Ratio will be met for analyzed transients. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Standard Technical Specifications (Reference 2).

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.

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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Attachments: as stated cc: next page

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