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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
**Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications
Regarding Surveillance Intervals for Instrument Channels
to Accommodate a 24-Month Operating Cycle**

Reference 1. NYPA letter (IPN-96-067) to NRC, "Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications Regarding Surveillance Intervals for Instrument Channels to Accommodate a 24-month Operating Cycle," dated June 21, 1996.

Dear Sir:

This application for amendment to Table 4.1-1 of the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications proposes to change surveillance requirements for the following instrument channels to accommodate a 24-Month operating cycle:

Containment High Radiation Monitor,
Reactor Coolant System Subcooling Margin Monitor,
Reactor Coolant System Overpressure Protection System, and
Reactor Vessel Level Indication System.

Enclosed for filing is the signed original of a document entitled, "Application for Amendment to Operating License." Attachment I to the application contains the proposed change to the Technical Specifications, Attachment II contains the associated Safety Evaluation, and Attachment III contains commitments made in this application. The Safety Evaluation discusses the methodology for the proposed change to the calibration surveillance interval from 18 months to 24 months and provides information related to the guidance provided by Generic Letter 91-04, "Changes in Technical Specification Surveillance Intervals to Accommodate a 24-Month Fuel Cycle."

The Power Authority requests review of this application for amendment prior to scheduled surveillance requirements that would require a plant shutdown. The earliest surveillance, for these instrument channels, requiring plant shutdown is September 25, 1996, which is prior to the end of the current fuel cycle. Reference 1 was a similar application for amendment addressing other instrument channels. The Power Authority expects to submit additional amendment applications for other instrument channels after completing the updated instrument drift and loop accuracy calculations.


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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.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. K. Peters.

Very truly yours,


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Attachments

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