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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
**Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications
Regarding Allowed Outage Time for Engineered
Safety Feature Initiation Instrumentation**

Dear Sir:

This application for amendment to Table 3.5-3 of the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications proposes to change the required action(s) if the Limiting Conditions for Operation (LCO) are not met. In accordance with the guidance provided by NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications," Rev.1, the New York Power Authority is proposing the establishment of a 6 hour Allowed Outage Time (AOT) with a subsequent hot shutdown requirement within the following 6 hours, in lieu of the current hot shutdown requirement within 4 hours.

In addition, this submittal proposes a change to Technical Specification 3.5.4 to clarify that the 8 hour period applies to both instrument failures and instrument testing. There are also two editorial changes to Notes 1 and 7 of Table 3.5-3 to clarify footnote usage and the addition of a new table entry regarding the Engineered Safety Features logic train.

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 changes to the Technical Specifications and Attachment II contains the associated Safety Evaluation. The Safety Evaluation discusses the justifications for the proposed changes to the LCOs.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. Cahill, Jr.', written over a printed name.

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