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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
**Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications
Regarding Quarterly Inservice Testing of
ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 Pumps & Valves**

Dear Sir:

This application for amendment to Table 4.1-3, Specification 4.5.B.1.a and associated Bases, and Specification 4.8.1.a of the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications proposes to change the current monthly functional testing of Inservice Inspection (ISI) American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code Class 1, 2, and 3 pumps and valves to a quarterly testing frequency as allowed for by NUREG-1366 "Improvements to Technical Specifications Surveillance Requirements."

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 change to the IST ESF pump surveillance interval.

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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