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SUBJECT: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
License No. DPR-64
Proposed Technical Specification Change Regarding
Control Rod Misalignment and Rod Position Indication

Dear Sir:

This application for amendment to the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications proposes to amend Sections 3.10.5 and 3.10.7, and the associated Bases. The proposed amendment would permit changing the indicated control rod misalignment from the current limit of ±12 steps to an indicated misalignment of ±24 steps when the core power is less than or equal to 85% of rated thermal power (RTP) and ±12 steps above 85% of RTP with certain other considerations. The proposed change is based on an evaluation performed by Westinghouse (WCAP-14668).

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 change to the Technical Specifications and the safety evaluation.

Attachment III, WCAP-14668, entitled "Conditional Extension of the Rod Misalignment Technical Specification for Indian Point Unit 3," October 1996, contains Westinghouse proprietary information. Enclosed are a Westinghouse authorization letter, CAW-96-1042 and accompanying Affidavit, Proprietary Information Notice and Copyright Notice. As Attachment III contains information proprietary to Westinghouse Electric Corporation, it is supported by an affidavit signed by Westinghouse, the owner of the information. The Affidavit sets forth the basis on which the information may be withheld from public disclosure by the Commission and addresses with specificity the considerations listed in paragraph (b)(4) of Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations. The Authority requests that the information which is proprietary to Westinghouse be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations. The Authority will forward a copy of both the proprietary version, clearly bracketed to indicate the proprietary portions, and the non-proprietary version of the WCAP by February 28, 1997. Correspondence with respect to the copyright or proprietary aspects of the items listed above or the supporting Westinghouse Affidavit should reference CAW-96-1042 and should be addressed to N. J. Liparulo,

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The commitments associated with this submittal are in Attachment IV.

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 Authority requests a 90 day implementation period following receipt of this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. K. Peters at (914) 736-8029.

Very truly yours,

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