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Subject: **Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant**
Docket No. 50-286
Revision to the Proposed Technical Specification Changes
Associated With the Upgrade to VANTAGE + Fuel

Reference: NYPA letter, W. J. Cahill, Jr. to the NRC (IPN-96-128), dated December 23, 1996,
"Proposed Technical Specification Changes Associated With the Upgrade to
VANTAGE + Fuel."

Dear Sir:

This letter submits revisions to the referenced application for amendment of the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications regarding the proposed upgrade to VANTAGE + fuel. The revisions include a decreased minimum reactor coolant system flow, a modified $f(\Delta I)$ function, and a change to the Technical Specification basis for rod drop times. These revisions are required to provide consistency with the fuel rod and thermal hydraulic analyses supporting implementation of the VANTAGE + fuel for Cycle 10.

Attachment I provides new technical specification pages containing the subject revisions. These pages should be used to update the referenced letter on a page replacement basis. Attachment II contains technical justification for the proposed revisions. These revisions have been reviewed and approved by the Plant Operating Review Committee (PORC) and the Safety Review Committee (SRC). Attachment II supplements the safety evaluation contained in the referenced letter but does not alter the no significant hazards determination.

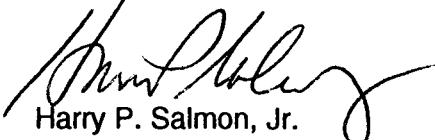
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There are no new commitments in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments: as stated

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ATTACHMENT I TO IPN-97-023

**REVISED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION PAGES ASSOCIATED WITH
THE UPGRADE TO VANTAGE + FUEL**

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