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

- References: 1. NYPA letter, William J. Cahill, Jr. to NRC (IPN-96-128), "Proposed Technical Specification Changes Associated With the Upgrade to VANTAGE + Fuel," dated December 23, 1996.
  - 2. NYPA letter, Harry P. Salmon, Jr. to NRC (IPN-97-023), "Revision to the Proposed Technical Specification Changes Associated With the Upgrade to VANTAGE + Fuel," dated February 26, 1997.
  - 3. NYPA letter, J. Knubel to NRC (IPN-97-059), "Response to Request for Additional Information on Proposed Technical Specification Changes Associated With the Upgrade to VANTAGE + Fuel," dated May 12, 1997.
  - 4. NYPA letter, J. Knubel to NRC (IPN-97-075), "Supplement to Proposed Technical Specification Changes Associated with the Upgrade to VANTAGE + Fuel," dated June 16, 1997.
  - 5. NYPA letter, J. Knubel to NRC (IPN-97-087), "Supplement to Proposed Technical Specification Changes Associated with the Upgrade to VANTAGE + Fuel," dated July 2, 1997.

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This letter provides a supplement to References 1 through 5 which submitted proposed changes to the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications to allow the use of VANTAGE + fuel at Indian Point 3. The purpose of this supplement is to add a footnote to Technical Specification sections 3.8 and 4.13 to increase the amount of time after subcriticality that the Containment Building Vent and Purge system is required to be operable during movement of VANTAGE + fuel. Based on telephone discussions with the NRC, the addition of this footnote to clarify the requirements associated with the movement of irradiated VANTAGE + fuel assemblies is acceptable.

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The Technical Specification pages provided in Attachment I should be substituted for those submitted in the previous references on a page replacement basis. These changes do not affect the no significant hazards conclusions presented in Reference 1.

This submittal contains no new commitments. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. C. D. Faison.

Very truly yours, J. Knubel Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer

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