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SUBJECT: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
License No. DPR-64
**Proposed Technical Specification Change Regarding Test
Frequency For Main Turbine Steam Stop and Control Valves**

Dear Sir:

This application for amendment to the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications (TS) proposes to amend TS Table 4.1-3, "Frequencies For Equipment Tests," Item 9 and the Bases on page 4.1-5. The proposed amendment will reduce the maximum test interval from one year to six months for the test frequency of the main turbine stop and control valves (TS&CVs) in Table 4.1-3 and add a footnote. The proposed change amends the TS to agree with the maximum test interval indicated in Westinghouse Report, WOG-TVTF-93-17, "Update of BB-95/96 Turbine Valve Failure Rates and Effect on Destructive Overspeed Probabilities."

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 TS and the safety evaluation. Attachment III includes a markup of the affected TS pages for comparison only.

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.

There are no new commitments associated with this submittal.

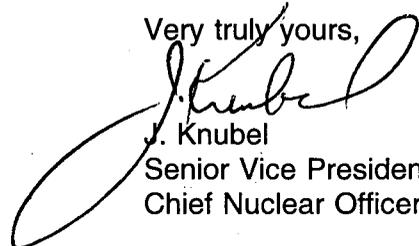
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Ken Peters at (914) 736-8029.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments: as stated

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