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Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
**Proposed Change to Technical Specifications Regarding
Allowed Outage Time for Safety Injection Pumps**

- References:
1. NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications - Westinghouse Plants," Revision 1, dated April 1995.
 2. NYPA letter IPN-98-139, "Proposed Technical Specification Change, Conversion to Improved Standard Technical Specifications," J. Knubel to U.S. NRC, dated December 15, 1998.

Dear Sir:

This application for amendment to Section 3.3.A.4.b of the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications proposes to increase the allowed outage time (AOT) for any one safety injection pump from 24 hours to 72 hours. This proposed change is consistent with the AOT provided in the Standard Technical Specifications (Reference 1). A more comprehensive adoption of the Standard Technical Specification requirements for Emergency Core Cooling System components has been proposed (Reference 2) as part of the Authority's conversion to Improved Standard Technical Specifications (ITS). The Authority is requesting this line-item change at this time because the 24-hour AOT is unnecessarily restrictive and could result in a plant shutdown if it became necessary to perform maintenance activities such as pump seal replacement. This proposed line-item improvement does not require a change to the contents of the Authority's proposed conversion to ITS.

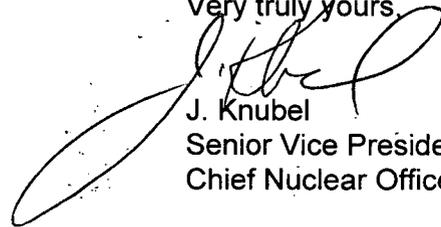
Enclosed for filing is the signed original of a document entitled, "Application for Amendment to Operating License." Attachment I to this application contains the proposed new Technical Specification and Attachment II is the associated Safety Evaluation. A markup of the current Technical Specification page showing the proposed change is provided in Attachment III, for information 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.

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

Very truly yours,



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