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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**

Reference: 1. NYPA letter IPN-99-015, dated January 29, 1999, "Proposed
Technical Specification Change Regarding Control Rod
Misalignment and Rod Position Indication."

Dear Sir:

In reference 1, the Authority submitted the subject proposed change to amend the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications (TS). The proposed change would permit changing the indicated control rod misalignment from the current limits to an indicated misalignment:

- a) of ± 24 steps when the core power is less than or equal to 85% of rated thermal power (RTP);
- b) to within the varying allowable deviations shown in Figure 3.10-1 (Reference 1) for power level greater than 85% of RTP. *This may be extended up to an additional six steps in either direction if sufficient peaking factor margin exists.*

The Authority and the NRC staff discussed the proposed TS change in conference calls held recently. The NRC requested additional information related to the portion of the change that extended the control rod misalignment up to an additional six steps based on peaking factor margin (shown in italics in (b) above). The Authority desires review and approval of the TS change to implement in time for the startup from the upcoming refueling outage (RO 10) scheduled to start on September 10, 1999. Therefore, the Authority is withdrawing the portion of the change that would allow an additional misalignment of six steps based on peaking factor margin, for power level greater than 85% RTP. The Authority intends to submit a TS change for the withdrawn portion at a later date. The revised pages of the TS reflecting the partial withdrawal are attached and TS Table 3.10-1 is withdrawn in its entirety. The remainder of the

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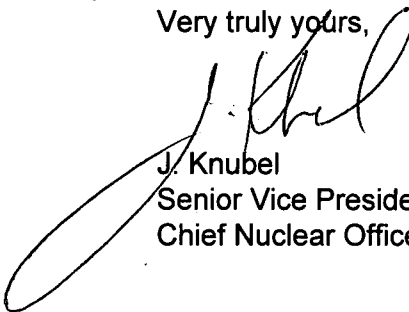
proposed change remains unaltered. For your convenience, a copy of the safety evaluation submitted with reference 1 is attached with those sections applicable to the portion of the TS change being withdrawn lined out. Please note that the partial withdrawal of the portion from the TS change does not affect the no significant hazard consideration nor the conclusions of the safety evaluation submitted with reference 1.

A copy of the revised pages of the TS is also being submitted to the designated New York State official.

There are no new commitments associated with this submittal.

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

Very truly yours,



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ATTACHMENT TO IPN-99-082
REVISED PAGES OF PROPOSED TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATION CHANGES
REGARDING CONTROL ROD MISALIGNMENT
AND ROD POSITION INDICATION
SUBMITTED IN IPN-99-015

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