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October 31, 1996

Mr. William Stiedle
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation
28 South Putt Corners Road
New Paltz, NY, 12561-1696

Dear Mr. Stiedle:

I am writing in regard to discussions between technical staffs of the Department (E. Radle) and the Authority (J. Kahabka and D. Dunning) concerning the proposed addition of wire mesh to the coarse screens at the intake of the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant, as described in my October 16, 1996 letter to J. Haggerty at the US Corps of Engineers. The Authority does not expect that the wire mesh will measurably change the survival rate of fish entrained or impinged. Department technical staff indicated that it does not have a problem with the installation of the wire mesh at this time with the understanding that the mesh may have to be removed at a later date. Therefore, the Authority intends to install the wire mesh as described.

Under the "Agreement for Installation of Modified Ristroph Screens at Indian Point Units 2 & 3" the Authority is required to maintain and operate the Ristroph screen system at Indian Point 3 to optimize fish survival. If testing indicates that survival of fish handled by the Ristroph screen system at Indian Point 3 is not optimized and should a significant cause of that deviation from optimum be attributed to the wire mesh, the Authority will work with the Department to either redesign or remove the wire mesh.

Attached for your use and information are drawings of the proposed project as submitted to the Corps of Engineers.

Please contact John Kahabka at (914) 681-6308 or Dennis Dunning (914) 681-6401 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John W. Blake'.

John W. Blake, Ph.D.
Director
Environmental Division

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cc: (w/o attach) D. Dunning, T. Hanczor, J. Kahabka, K. Kennedy, W. Kirk, C. Lee, W. Mancroni, NRC, E. Radle, W. Saksen

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