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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director

Division of Licensing

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant

Docket No. 50-286

Response to NRC Generic Letter 81-19, Thermal Shock to Reactor Pressure Vessels

Dear Sir:

The Westinghouse Owners Group $(\underline{W}-OG)$, of which the Authority is a member, has committed to a program to address potential reactor vessel integrity concerns as identified in NRC Generic Letter 81-19. That commitment, and the description of the program, are contained in letter OG-58 dated May 14, 1981 from Mr. Robert W. Jurgensen, Chairman, $\underline{W}-OG$ to Mr. D. G. Eisenhut, Director, Division of Licensing, USNRC.

As described in the OG-58 all Westinghouse plants including Indian Point 3 have been shown to safely sustain severe thermal shock transients, including repressurization, to beyond January, 1983 at a minimum.

Specifically, the \underline{W} -OG program to be completed in December, 1981 will identify, for those operating plants listed in the May 14, 1981 report, if future additional plant specific analyses and remedial action is required. The report will further provide the time when these additional actions may be needed.

Based on the results of the program as will be provided to the NRC at the end of 1981, the Authority will submit additional

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details including a schedule for reanalyses and/or remedial action if required, and the basis for same.

Very truly yours,

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