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Attention: Mr. Albert Schwencer, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 1
Division of Operating Reactors

Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
Control Rod Position Indication System

Dear Sir:

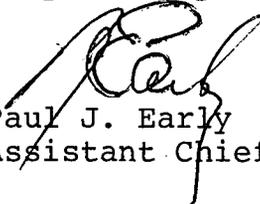
In response to your letter of October 29, 1979 to Mr. G. Berry regarding the accuracy of Westinghouse Control Rod Position Indication (RPI) systems, a review of the Technical Specifications for the Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant was conducted.

We have determined from the review that we are allowed an indicated position deviation of ± 13 steps from group demand position. Consequently, an application for revision to the Technical Specifications to establish compliance with the new ± 12 step accuracy limitation will be submitted prior to the next reactor start-up.

All appropriate operating procedures and surveillance procedures will be revised prior to the next reactor start-up to ensure compliance with the more restrictive ± 12 step limitation.

Approval of the proposed Technical Specification change is not required either prior to start-up or prior to revision of the applicable operating and surveillance procedures, since the latter will be revised in the conservative direction.

Very truly yours,


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Assistant Chief Engineer-Projects

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