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Attention: Mr. Steven A. Varga, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch No. 1  
Division of Operating Reactors

Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-286  
Proposed Change of the Term OPERABLE

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are three (3) signed originals and nineteen (19) copies of a document entitled, "Application for Amendment to Operating License", and attachments thereto.

This application seeks to amend Section 1.5 of Appendix A of the Operating License in accordance with the Commission's April 10, 1980 letter which requested implementation of the Model Technical Specification definition of the term OPERABLE.

The proposed change differs slightly from the Model Technical Specifications as follows:

1. The word "instrumentation" has been omitted to avoid classifying an item inoperable when only indication instrumentation (e.g. pressure gauge, temperature monitor, etc.), as opposed to "controls", are not functioning properly.

2. The words "normal and emergency" preceding "electrical power sources" have been omitted since they contradict paragraph 3.7.B.1 of the Indian Point 3 Technical Specifications.

The remaining Model Technical Specification requirements (3.0.3 and 3.0.5) enclosed in the NRC April 10, 1980 letter are presently satisfied by the first paragraph of Section 3 and paragraph 3.7.B.1 of the Indian Point Unit 3 Technical Specifications. Therefore, no change to the Technical Specifications is necessary other than the definition of the term OPERABLE.

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In addition the Authority will implement procedures to assure compliance with this proposed change by June 18, 1980.

In accordance with 10 CFR 170.22, the Authority has classified this application as class II because the requested amendment is administrative in nature and has no safety or environmental significance. Therefore, as required by the regulation, enclosed is a check for \$1,200 for the filing fee, which the Authority pays under protest pending a final determination of the legality of the fee schedule.

In support of this application we are enclosing forty (40) copies of the Safety Evaluation corresponding to these proposed changes to the Technical Specifications.

Very truly yours,



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