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

Subject: Indian Point 3 Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-286
Proposed Changes to Technical Specifications
Minimum Water Level During Fuel Movement

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 3.8 of Appendix A of the Operating Licensing in accordance with the Commission's August 15, 1980 letter regarding this subject and the Authority's September 26, 1980 initial response (IPN-80-88). This amendment includes proposed Technical Specification changes to assure a minimum of 23 feet of water over the top of the reactor pressure vessel flange during movement of fuel assemblies. This assures sufficient water depth to prevent inadvertent exposure of a fuel assembly during transfer.

In accordance with 10 CFR 170.22, the Authority has classified this application as Class III since it involves a single issue, clearly identified as acceptable by an NRC position.

Therefore, as required by the regulation, enclosed is a check for \$4,000 for the filing fee, which the Authority pays under protest pending a final determination of the legality of the fee schedule.

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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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cc: Mr. T. Rebelowski
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