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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

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County of Rockland, Petitioner,

- against -

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, United States of America,: Docket No. 83-4003 Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc. and the Power Authority of the : State of New York, Respondents.

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MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO ROCKLAND COUNTY'S MOTION FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING

This memorandum is submitted by respondent Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. ("Con Edison"), pursuant to Rule 27(b) of the Rules of Procedure of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in opposition to petitioner's motion for an expedited hearing.

Petitioner ("Rockland") on January 6, 1983, brought a petition to review an allegedly final decision of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") dated December 22, 1982. The NRC in the decision at issue decided that with regard to the state of off-site radiological emergency planning, "no shutdown [of Indian Point Units 2 and 3] or other enforcement action is needed at this time." Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc.

and Power Authority of the State of New York (Indian Point Units 2 and 3), CLI-82-38 at 7, ____ NRC ___ (1982).

On January 7, 1983, petitioner moved this Court pursuant to its Rule 27(b) for an expedited hearing to consider Rockland's petition for review, alleging, inter alia, that "the current operation of Indian Point Unit 2, and anticipated operation of Indian Point Unit 3 in March or April of 1983 poses a serious risk to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Rockland County."

Petitioner's Motion at 2. Rockland proposed the following timetable:

- NRC to file its records within 20 days after service upon it of the petition for review;
- Rockland to serve and file its brief within
 days after the date on which the record is filed;
- 3. Con Edison and the Power Anthority of the State of New York ("PASNY") to serve and file their briefs within 15 days after service of the brief of Rockland;
- Rockland to file and serve its reply brief within 7 days after service of the briefs of Con Edison and PASNY.

The schedule put forth by Rockland reduces by one-half the usual times permitted for filing and service of the record and briefs as set out in Rule 31(a) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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Con Edison submits that Rockland's unsubstantiated and conclusory allegation as to the presence of a risk to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Rockland County by virtue of the operation of Indian Point Units 2 and 3 fails to establish an appropriate showing of urgency to justify this Court's granting an expedited hearing of the petition for review. Indeed, since an NRC-originated hearing in which the very same emergency planning questions propounded by petitioner are being considered and evaluated by an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("ASLB") is currently in session, there is no apparent urgency warranting an expedited hearing of Rockland's petition.

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, this Court is respectfully urged to deny petitioner's motion for an expedited hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert F. Kiedaisch, being Auly sworn, says that he served by first class U.S. mail, the attached Memorandum in Opposition to Rockland County's Motion for an Expedited Hearing upon the County of Rockland at the County Office Building, New City, New York 10956; upon the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555; upon the United States Department of Justice at Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20530; and upon the Power Authority of the State of New York at 10 Columbus Circle, New York, New York 10019.

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Sworn to before me this 17th day of January, 1983.

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