

6. What would be the energy, environmental, economic or other consequences of a shutdown of Indian Point Unit 2 and/or Unit 3?

7. Does the Governor of the State of New York wish to express an official position with regard to the long-term operation of the units?

To address these matters, 20 parties participated in 55 days of adjudicatory hearing involving over 200 witnesses. In addition to over 15,000 pages of transcript, there were nearly 3,000 pages of prefiled testimony and about 170 exhibits. The Licensing Board issued its opinion and recommendations on October 24, 1983, and comments on the Board's findings were filed by the licensees, NRC staff, the intervenors, New York's Lieutenant Governor and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Based on this record, the Commission concluded, in part, in its May 1985 "Decision" that:

"...neither shutdown of Indian Point Unit 2 or Unit 3, nor imposition of additional remedial actions beyond those already implemented by the licensees, is warranted at this time...

"We are not persuaded that the additional potential risk-reducing measures recommended by the Board should be imposed on the licensees at this time...

"...even though at this time there can be no truly reliable quantitative comparison of the risk imposed on the public by the Indian Point units and the risk imposed by other similar nuclear power plants, operation of Indian Points Units 2 and 3 does not impose a risk to the public significantly greater than that imposed by other NRC-licensed plants...

"Emergency planning at Indian Point was inadequate at the time of the conclusion of the hearings in this proceeding. However, we recognize that the situation has improved since that time, and direct our staff to...report to us within sixty days of the issuance of this Decision on the current status of emergency planning at Indian Point and on whether the deficiencies identified by the Board and by the Commission in this proceeding have been corrected..."

I hope that this information will be helpful to you in replying to Mr. Rota's letter and, as you requested, I am returning your correspondence with this reply.

Sincerely,

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