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Re: Indian Point Unit Nos. 1 and 2 Docket No. 50-03 and 50-247

Mr. Ronald C. Haynes, Regional Administrator Region I U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Our June 14, 1982 letter to your office provided an updated status of compliance with Appendix B items of the NRC Emergency Preparedness Appraisal Report dated August 21, 1981. In that letter we indicated that one remaining item, B-12, the system to provide back-up communications among Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties, the City of Peekskill and the State of New York at Albany and Poughkeepsie, had not been fully implemented.* In addition, it was stated that complete operation of the back-up communications system was scheduled for August 15, 1982; however, it was also noted that redesign of that portion of the back-up communications with New York State at Albany may extend the scheduled completion date. Design problems have affected the completion of the aforementioned back-up communications system.

A compensatory measure has been established which provides reliable communications to Albany and which we consider meets the requirements of a back-up communications system. This compensatory measure is a microwave connection from the Indian Point site to New York City whereby Albany can be reached by long distance telephone from the New York City 212 area code.

We are in the process of modifying our procedures to cover the use of the microwave link as part of the whole back-up communications system to the normal radiological emergency communications system.

*The portion of the back-up communications system consisting of Rockland and Westchester Counties, the City of Peekskill and the Indian Point Emergency Control Center was completed and operational as stated in the June 14, 1982 letter. The portion of the back-up communications system in Orange & Putnam Counties and Poughkeepsie was completed and operational on schedule.

We consider that the use of microwave for the back-up link to Albany completes the entire back-up communications system and closes out item B-12 of the NRC Emergency Preparedness Appraisal Report dated August 21, 1981.

Should you or your staff have further questions please contact us.

Sincerely,

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