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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN LICENSEE COMMITMENT REGARDING TESTING, INDIAN POINT
NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 2

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The NRC staff has no objection to this change in commitment and recognizes that you will continue to operate the plant within the current licensing basis to conduct routine testing and maintenance. The staff continues to evaluate your steam generator operational assessment to support operation of the plant for a limited period with the existing steam generators. Until such time that the NRC reaches a decision in this regard, the facility Technical Specifications preclude increasing reactor coolant system temperature above 350 °F.

We encourage you to keep your stakeholders informed of this and other decisions regarding changes in plant status.

Sincerely,

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