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Before Administrative Judges:
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In the Matter of)	Docket No. 50-247-SP
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CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY)	
OF NEW YORK)	
(Indian Point, Unit No. 2))	
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POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE)	
OF NEW YORK)	
(Indian Point, Unit No. 3))	

SUPPLEMENTARY TESTIMONY
ROCKLAND COUNTY

NAME:

RUTH NORTHRUP

Q. Please state your name, position and address.

A. My name is Ruth Northrup, I am the Deputy Commissioner of the Rockland County Department of Social Services located at Pomona, New York.

Q. Are you familiar with your testimony as previously submitted before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

A. Yes.

Q. Do you wish to update or supplement that testimony.

A. Yes. I have been working on the evacuation plan since 1979 or whenever it was that this agency became involved in the development of this plan. The Citizens Advisory Committee, who were appointed by the County Legislature, has been meeting on an ongoing basis since October or early November. I have been a participant in that Committee. This Advisory Committee has been broken down into sub-committees. I am a participant in the sub-committee dealing

with the congregate care centers and work closely with the American Red Cross. Mr. Tom Flanagan is the Chairman of our committee. Also a member of our committee is Gladys Berger, who is responsible for a committee concerning the disabled. Our meetings have not been too productive. Mr. Flanagan and I have met with Mr. Scharf and officials of the Orangetown schools, as far as the use of the use of schools in Orangetown as reception centers. No contract or letter of agreement has been drawn up with these schools and until that is done, these schools are not participants in any discussion as to our use of their facilities. We have been meeting also concerning the method that we as an agency would be able to assist those individuals who receive personal care services. That continues to be a stumbling block. We have now at our disposal, however, a list of those persons who receive this type of service every month. We have their names, and addresses, however, we do not have specific apartment numbers if indeed they are dwelling in an apartment. We also do not have the capability of knowing whether the person is ambulatory or would require in case of any kind of emergency assistance in leaving their housing. Neither the Department of Social Services or the Office for the Aging, with whom I have been in contact, have the staff that are able to continually update those lists of names as to who continues to receive personal care services or who no longer receives them. Training of our staff as to their involvement should we come into an emergency at Indian Point, has been non-existent.

I am the person responsible for that training, however, until some of the more salient issues are addressed, there is no way that I can present a positive training picture to them. We are also hampered by the fact that we do not have any funds with which to purchase placards, because how is a person to know where to go in order to get a message or to leave a message when we certainly can't have a mass of people going to one table so that the best thing to do would be divide it alphabetically. I don't know either at the reception center should we get this kind of thing resolved, how our staff is to communicate with people on the outside as far as please call so and so and tell whatever because the schools do not have enough phones to respond to meet their requirements, plus those of Social Services Department. As far as how insulin, oxygen, any other type of critical need for persons at home is still in question. The Red Cross at the reception center will have someone there as well as a number of the ambulance corps team to administer any such treatment as it may be required at the school. However, who is to provide such treatment in the event that it is needed to a person at home. Transportation of the disabled is also a question that does not seem able to be answered. Our transportation coordinator as well as persons within the school system advise that there are not enough buses to meet the needs of everyone. The disabled require additional types of transportation in that those who are wheelchair bound need to have the ability to have their wheelchair accompanying them. How this is to be done, no one is certain. We are still meeting and hope to be able to come up with a plan that will be satisfactory but certainly given the

limited road capacity within this County, means of transportation, it would seem that it is an impossible situation.

As a final remark, our agency is responsible to assist the Health Department with persons who have become "contaminated." Our agency does not have the capacity to clothe many members of any family. We certainly would not have clothing at the reception centers. How this problem and need is to be met, I have no way of knowing.