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PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS  
LICENSE RENEWAL PROCESS AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING FOR  
JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

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P R O C E E D I N G S

1:30 P.M.

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3 MR. HOFFMAN: I think we'll go ahead and  
4 get started. Looks like everyone is here today. My  
5 name is Steve Hoffman. I'm a Senior Project Manager  
6 at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or NRC as we  
7 refer to it often.

8 I'd like to welcome you here today to the  
9 NRC's public meeting to discuss Entergy's license  
10 renewal application for the James A. FitzPatrick  
11 Nuclear Power Plant.

12 I'm going to serve as your facilitator  
13 today, trying to make sure we all have a productive  
14 meeting and make sure, hopefully, everybody gets their  
15 comments and questions in.

16 Before we start, I want to cover a few  
17 basic things on the meeting process so you all know  
18 what to expect. The first thing we're going to do is  
19 we're going to go over the format for the meeting,  
20 then some simple ground rules and then I'll introduce  
21 the NRC presenters.

22 Regarding the format, it's going to be a  
23 two-part presentation. The first part, we're going to  
24 have presenters give some background on the license  
25 renewal process and much more detail on the

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1 environmental review process.

2           Hopefully then you'll have an  
3 understanding of how the license renewal review  
4 process is going to go, kind of understand what is in  
5 the application itself.

6           The second part of the meeting is really  
7 why we're here. We want to hear from you guys. We  
8 want to get your comments, specifically on the  
9 environmental review process, but also comments on the  
10 overall process.

11           You'll hear the term scoping meeting used  
12 probably. Scoping is a term that's used in the  
13 preparation of environmental impact statements and  
14 essentially what that does is it helps us define what  
15 needs to be looked at in the environmental impact  
16 statement, what the possible issues there are out  
17 there and also what alternatives we might want to be  
18 evaluating.

19           The staff is going to talk to you about  
20 submitting written comments. There's a period, open  
21 period now for submitting written comments. I'll  
22 explain that a little bit more. But any comments that  
23 we receive today are going to carry the same weight as  
24 comments submitted in writing.

25           Ground rules for the meeting, after the

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1 presentations, we're going to have a short session to  
2 answer questions on the process, make sure you  
3 understand the process, if you need any clarification.  
4 After that, we're going to go into the more formal  
5 comment period to get the comments on the  
6 environmental review process.

7 We're going to ask that only one person  
8 speak at a time. We have a small group here. I don't  
9 think that's going to be a problem. But that way  
10 we've got a court reporter, Pete's over here reporting  
11 this. Make sure he understands what is being said and  
12 who is making the comment. So along that line, when  
13 you go to speak, if you could say your name and any  
14 affiliation that's applicable.

15 Comments that we receive are important to  
16 us for a couple of reasons. It lets us know what  
17 issues might be there so we can get a head start  
18 looking at them and it also gives us the opportunity  
19 to talk with you in more detail in case we need to get  
20 clarification or better understanding of what your  
21 issue is.

22 The second benefit to having the comments  
23 here today is it lets other people here know what  
24 issues other people might have with the issue, the  
25 process. So like I said, we're going to have one

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1 person speak at a time and when we get to the question  
2 session I'll be coming around with a wireless  
3 microphone to let you ask your questions.

4 Now as far as the speakers go, the first  
5 speaker is going to be Tommy Le. He's the Project  
6 Manager responsible for the safety review. He's going  
7 to give you an overview of the license renewal  
8 process. After that Sam Hernandez who is the  
9 Environmental Project Manager responsible for the  
10 environmental review, he's going to give you the  
11 overview of the environmental process.

12 So and then after that, like I say, we'll  
13 open it up for questions.

14 So Tommy?

15 MR. LE: Thank you, Steve. Good  
16 afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Tommy Le.  
17 I am the Senior Project Manager responsible for the  
18 review of the FitzPatrick license renewal application.  
19 The NRC considers public involvement in, and  
20 information about, our activities to be a cornerstone  
21 of strong, fair regulation of the nuclear industry.

22 The purpose of today's meeting is first to  
23 describe the NRC's license renewal process; second, to  
24 describe the safety and environmental review  
25 processes; third, to share with you the license

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1 renewal review schedule for FitzPatrick; and fourth,  
2 to discuss your opportunity to comment on the scope of  
3 our environmental review.

4 At the conclusion of this afternoon's  
5 presentation, the NRC staff will be happy to answer  
6 any questions and receive any comments that you might  
7 have on our process and the scope of our review.  
8 However, the staff will ask you to limit your  
9 participation to questions only and hold your comments  
10 until the appropriate time during the course of this  
11 meeting. Once all questions are answered, we can  
12 begin to receive any formal comments that you have on  
13 the scope of our environmental review.

14 Before I get to the discussion of the  
15 license renewal process, I would like to take a minute  
16 to talk about the NRC in terms of what we do and what  
17 our mission is.

18 The Atomic Energy Act and Energy  
19 Reorganization Act authorized the NRC to regulate the  
20 civilian use of nuclear material. In exercising its  
21 authority as a regulator for the nation's nuclear  
22 activities, the NRC's mission is threefold: to ensure  
23 adequate protection of public health and safety, to  
24 protect the environment, and to promote the common  
25 defense and security.

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1           The NRC accomplishes its mission through  
2 a combination of regulatory programs and processes  
3 such as conducting inspections, issuing enforcement  
4 actions, assessing licensee performance, and  
5 evaluating operating experience from nuclear plants  
6 across the country and internationally. A  
7 representative of our inspection program is here  
8 today. Mr. Gordon Hunegs is the NRC Senior Resident  
9 Inspector stationed at FitzPatrick. In case you  
10 didn't know, the NRC has resident inspectors at each  
11 of the commercial nuclear power reactor sites. These  
12 inspectors carry out the safety mission of the NRC on  
13 a daily basis and are on the front lines of ensuring  
14 conformance to NRC regulations.

15           The Atomic Energy Act authorized the NRC  
16 to grant a 40-year operating license for nuclear power  
17 reactors and allowed for license renewal. It is  
18 important to note that this 40-year term was based  
19 primarily on economic considerations and antitrust  
20 considerations, as opposed to safety or technical  
21 limitations.

22           The National Environmental Policy Act of  
23 1969, called NEPA, defined a national policy for the  
24 environment and established the basis for considering  
25 environmental issues in the conduct of federal

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1 activities.

2 The specific regulations that the NRC  
3 enforces are contained in Title 10 of the Code of  
4 Federal Regulations, which is commonly referred to as  
5 10 CFR.

6 The current Operating License at  
7 FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant will expire on October  
8 17, 2014. By letter dated July 31, 2006, Entergy,  
9 owner of the plant, submitted an application for the  
10 renewal of the FitzPatrick Operating License for an  
11 additional 20 years.

12 A copy of the FitzPatrick license renewal  
13 application is available for review at your local  
14 libraries. One is at the Pennfield Library,  
15 University of New York in Oswego and the other is at  
16 the Oswego public library in downtown Oswego.

17 Two guiding principles form the basis of  
18 the NRC's approach in performing the safety review.

19 The first principle is that the current  
20 regulatory process is adequate to ensure that the  
21 licensing basis of all currently operating plants  
22 provides and maintains an acceptable level of safety.

23 The second principle is that the current  
24 plant-specific licensing basis must be maintained  
25 during the renewal term in the same manner, and to the

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1 same extent, as during the original license term.

2 To maintain the plant's current licensing  
3 basis, the effects of aging during extended period of  
4 operation are given special attention through the  
5 license renewal process. Additional programs and  
6 surveillance activities are required for managing the  
7 effects of aging on certain plant structures, systems,  
8 and components.

9 The FitzPatrick license renewal  
10 application was submitted by Entergy on August 1,  
11 2006. It contained numerous assessments, analysis,  
12 and drawings. The application also contained an  
13 environmental report. Essentially, the application  
14 contains the following information:

15 Integrated Plant Safety Assessment, which  
16 the Applicant describes and justifies the methods used  
17 to determine the systems and the structures within the  
18 scope of license renewal and the structures and  
19 components subject to aging management review.

20 Time-Limited Aging Analysis, which  
21 includes the identification of the component and an  
22 explanation of the time-dependent aspects of the  
23 calculation or analysis.

24 And then the Final Safety Analysis Report  
25 Supplement, which provides a summary description of

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1 programs and activities for managing the effects of  
2 aging for the period of extended operation.

3 The next is a Technical Specification  
4 Changes. The application for FitzPatrick indicated  
5 that there are no changes in technical specifications  
6 are anticipated.

7 And lastly, the Environmental Report. In  
8 evaluating the information provided in this report the  
9 staff conducts on-site audits; collects formal  
10 comments from the public; and consults with other  
11 local, state and federal agencies.

12 The first thing to notice from the diagram  
13 shown is that the license renewal process consists of  
14 both a safety review and an environmental review  
15 conducted in parallel. Safety is on top and  
16 environmental is on the bottom. These processes are  
17 used by the staff to evaluate two separate aspects of  
18 the license renewal application. The safety review  
19 produces a safety evaluation report. We call it SER.  
20 The environmental review produces an environmental  
21 impact statement or EIS.

22 During the safety review, the NRC staff  
23 evaluates technical information in the license renewal  
24 application to verify, with reasonable assurance, that  
25 the plant can continue to operate safely during the

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1 extended period of operation. It focuses attention on  
2 aging management. The technical evaluation is  
3 documented in a safety evaluation report.

4 This safety evaluation report is forwarded  
5 to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards or  
6 ACRS for their review. The ACRS is a group of  
7 scientists and nuclear industry experts who serve as  
8 a consulting body to the Commission. The ACRS  
9 performs an independent review of both the license  
10 renewal application and the NRC staff's safety  
11 evaluation. Then the ACRS reports their findings and  
12 recommendations directly to the Commission.

13 In addition, plant inspections are also  
14 conducted by a team of NRC inspectors who verify that  
15 the Applicant's license renewal program, including  
16 supporting activities, are implemented consistent with  
17 the application that was submitted.

18 My colleague, Sam in the Environmental  
19 P.M., will come up and explain about the environmental  
20 audit in the bottom line of the diagram there.

21 The NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor  
22 Regulation reviews the Applicant's renewal application  
23 and supporting documentation and conducts on-site  
24 audits. The review results in a safety evaluation  
25 report which documents the basis and conclusions of

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1 the NRC staff's safety review, called the SER and it  
2 will be publicly available. In addition, as part of  
3 the overall NRC license renewal review process, a team  
4 of specialized inspectors travel to the reactor site  
5 -- FitzPatrick in this case -- to verify that the  
6 aging management programs have been or are ready to be  
7 implemented.

8 Again, ACRS is an Advisory Committee on  
9 Reactor Safeguards providing an independent review of  
10 the license renewal application and the staff's safety  
11 evaluation report. The Committee offers a  
12 recommendation to the Commission after it has  
13 completed its review.

14 I would like to highlight activities that  
15 are separate from the license renewal process. They  
16 include security, emergency planning, and current  
17 safety performance. The NRC monitors and provides  
18 regulatory oversight of these issues on an ongoing  
19 basis under the current operating license. The NRC  
20 addresses these current operating issues on a  
21 continuing basis as well. Thus, we do not re-evaluate  
22 them in license renewal process. For more information  
23 about the oversight process for operating reactors,  
24 you can follow the link at the bottom of the page or  
25 you can go on to [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov) and they will also bring

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1 you to this link.

2 This ends my part of the presentation, and  
3 next will be a presentation by Sam regarding the  
4 environmental review and I do thank you for your time  
5 and attention.

6 MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Tommy. If  
7 there's any questions, you'll have the opportunity to  
8 ask Tommy some questions afterwards.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Hi, my name is Sam  
10 Hernandez. I'm an environmental project manager for  
11 the NRC. I am responsible for coordinating all the  
12 activities of the NRC staff and various environmental  
13 experts at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory  
14 to prepare an environmental impact statement  
15 associated with the proposed license renewal of the  
16 FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant.

17 The National Environmental Policy Act of  
18 1969 requires that all federal agencies follow a  
19 systematic approach in evaluating potential impacts  
20 associated with certain actions. We at the NRC are  
21 required to consider the impact of the proposed action  
22 and also any mitigation for those impacts we consider  
23 to be significant.

24 We are also required to consider  
25 alternatives to the proposed action, in this case, the

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1 license renewal of FitzPatrick and other alternatives  
2 include the no-action alternative. In other words, if  
3 we decide not to approve the license renewal for  
4 FitzPatrick, what are the environmental impacts?

5 The NRC has determined that an  
6 environmental impact statement or EIS, will be  
7 prepared for any proposed license renewal of nuclear  
8 plants. In preparing an EIS, the NRC conducts a  
9 scoping process. The purpose of the scoping process  
10 is to identify any important issue and information to  
11 be analyzed in depth. We are now in the scoping  
12 process for FitzPatrick and are here today gathering  
13 information and collecting public comments on the  
14 scope of our review.

15 Simply put, what special issues should the  
16 staff consider in preparing the environmental impact  
17 statement for FitzPatrick?

18 In that framework, I want to provide an  
19 overview of the environmental review. In the 1990s,  
20 the NRC staff developed a generic environmental impact  
21 statement or GEIS. The GEIS documented the  
22 environmental impacts of renewing the operating  
23 licenses for all the nuclear plants in the nation. As  
24 a result of that analysis, the NRC was able to  
25 determine that several environmental issues were

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1 common or similar to all nuclear power plants. The  
2 environmental impact associated with those issues was  
3 small for all issues and at all sites.

4 The NRC staff will also, in our review,  
5 evaluate any new and significant information that  
6 might call into question the conclusions that were  
7 previously reached on the GEIS for those issues that  
8 were common to all power plant sites.

9 Now, the NRC also concluded that there are  
10 several issues to which a generic determination could  
11 not be reached. For these issues, the NRC will prepare  
12 a site-specific supplemental environmental impact  
13 statement or SEIS. And that's why we are here today,  
14 requesting your comments on the scope of the site-  
15 specific environmental impact statement for  
16 FitzPatrick that will be prepared as part of the  
17 license renewal review.

18 When the review is completed, the GEIS and  
19 the site-specific environmental impact statement will  
20 be the complete record of the environmental review.

21 Next slide. This slide, diagram shows  
22 basically an overview of all the subject areas that  
23 we'll be looking and we'll be evaluating on our  
24 review. You can see all of those and those are also  
25 in the handouts that you received at the registration

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1 table.

2 Next slide, please. So how does the  
3 public provide input for the decision making? This  
4 diagram shows all the sources of information that are  
5 used for the license renewal decision. Today, we are  
6 here soliciting your comments on the scope of the  
7 environmental review and we will consider all comments  
8 received during the scoping in developing the draft  
9 supplemental environmental impact statement. That's  
10 how comments that you provide here today will play  
11 into the overall process.

12 Also, I want to point out that there is an  
13 opportunity to request a hearing in the license  
14 renewal proceedings. The opportunity for hearing  
15 closes on November 20, 2006 and additional information  
16 about the hearing process is attached in the handouts  
17 that you received at the registration table,  
18 specifically if you look at the Federal Register  
19 notice, there's the information on how to request a  
20 hearing in the proceedings.

21 Now I would like to clarify that the  
22 hearing opportunity and the public comments on the  
23 scope of the environmental review are two different  
24 processes. Today, we will consider your comments for  
25 the scope of the environmental review.

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1           Next slide. So there are several ways you  
2 can provide your comments on the scope of the  
3 environmental review. You can provide those today at  
4 the comment period of this meeting, and those, as  
5 Steve said will carry the same weight as any other  
6 comment that you might submit in writing. If you want  
7 to provide a comment by mail, this is in your handouts  
8 also. You can send your comments to this address  
9 that's here. You can also send us your comments on  
10 the scope to the email address that we have set up  
11 specifically for requesting your comments. It's  
12 FitzPatrickEIS@nrc.gov.

13           And you can also submit comments in person  
14 at the NRC.

15           I want to mention also that the scoping  
16 period closes on November 14, so to assure  
17 consideration of your comments we request that you  
18 provide those by November 14.

19           Next slide. This is the review schedule,  
20 proposed review schedule for FitzPatrick. All these  
21 items that are highlighted in yellow are the  
22 opportunities for public involvement. Also, you can  
23 see all these in your slides, so I won't bore you  
24 going over them.

25           Right now we are in the scoping process.

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1 The scoping process ends on November 14. There's also  
2 an opportunity for hearing going on right now and that  
3 opportunity for hearing closes on November 20 and this  
4 is all in that Federal Register notice, the notice of  
5 acceptance that was issued on September 20, 2006.

6 Once we receive your comments, we will  
7 develop a scoping summary report and if you provided  
8 your address at the registration table, we will send  
9 you a copy of that scoping summary report. We expect  
10 to issue that in March.

11 Also, we will develop the draft  
12 supplemental environmental impact statement and we  
13 anticipate publishing that in June 2007 and when we  
14 issue that draft SEIS, it's subject to a 75-day public  
15 comment period. We'll be back in the community having  
16 a draft SEIS public meeting requesting comments from  
17 the public on that document. And we expect that  
18 probably will be in July 2007.

19 The rest of the schedule is there, you can  
20 look at that.

21 Next slide. Some additional information,  
22 this is the point of contact for any information you  
23 might have on the environmental review.

24 It's also in your handouts, you can reach  
25 any of the persons listed here. Also, several

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1 documents like the application, the draft SEIS, when  
2 we develop that document, the scoping summary report  
3 and the final SEIS, and some other documents, will be  
4 available at these two public libraries and you can  
5 also find those documents at the NRC at the address  
6 located at the bottom of the page.

7 If you have any problem locating any  
8 document, you can contact any of the people on the  
9 list of contact information.

10 That concludes my remarks.

11 MR. HOFFMAN: All right. We'll take some  
12 questions. If you have questions on the process or  
13 you want a clarification on anything you've heard here  
14 today, if you would hold your comments to the formal  
15 comment period, if you have more questions if you need  
16 to clarify anything.

17 Anybody have any concerns, questions?  
18 Okay, you're making it easy.

19 All right, then we'll go into the formal  
20 comment period. We have one person, Ed Putnam has  
21 signed up to speak.

22 Ed, if you wouldn't mind coming up,  
23 announce your affiliation if you have any, if you  
24 would like. You can use that mic or the front,  
25 whichever you like.

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1 MR. PUTNAM: This is fine, if it's okay  
2 with you.

3 MR. HOFFMAN: Yes.

4  
5 MR. PUTNAM: My name is Ed Putnam. I live  
6 in Skaneateles, New York, which may be miles from  
7 Scriba, but in one way or another the presence of the  
8 James FitzPatrick Nuclear Plant affects everyone in  
9 central New York.

10 My purpose in standing before you today is  
11 to bring several concerns which I believe deserve  
12 consideration as you consider the possibility of re-  
13 licensing the FitzPatrick for another two decades.  
14 Not the least of these concerns is the question of the  
15 safety of the current facility, and your ability to  
16 guarantee the people of this region that re-licensing  
17 is something which will assure them that they need not  
18 be concerned about the possibility of a nuclear  
19 accident in this aging behemoth.

20 When I pulled up the information about the  
21 FitzPatrick plant on the computer and looked at the  
22 license agreement carefully, I found myself reading a  
23 laundry list of cracks, fissures, weaknesses and  
24 "needed repairs" which began to make me a little more  
25 than nervous. I have no doubt that the skilled and

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1 committed workers of this plant can make the needed  
2 repairs and reconstructions are simply holding a  
3 crumbling shell together. I may not be a structural  
4 engineer, but I don't think you need to be a rocket  
5 scientist to figure out that a leak from a nuclear  
6 reactor is bad news. If, indeed, this building is not  
7 capable of the level of safety required to assure the  
8 nearby residents that they need not worry, but I would  
9 ask that you reject the license application and begin  
10 the process of disassembling the plant. As I said, I am  
11 not qualified to make that decision. I can only ask  
12 that you re-affirm your intent to be objective about  
13 the findings of your research over the next couple of  
14 years. And I have heard a good amount of that  
15 already.

16           Secondly, though, I want to address a  
17 related issue of families struggling under the heavy  
18 cost of carrying out their lives in this county. One  
19 of the costly features they mention frequently is the  
20 high cost of energy to heat their homes and provide  
21 them with the utilities they require. For some, their  
22 utility bills are as great as their monthly rent or  
23 their mortgage payment.

24           I find myself incredulous as I listen to  
25 such stories. This county, Oswego County, produces

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1 more energy in a day than any other county east of the  
2 Mississippi. Despite that massive production, the  
3 cost of electric power in this county exceeds most of  
4 the other counties in New York State. How do you  
5 figure? Is there something wrong with this picture?

6 This is a unique moment in the life of  
7 this county. The re-licensing of the FitzPatrick  
8 Power Plant is an event that only occurs every 20  
9 years. We must seize the opportunity and help our  
10 families and our economy by ensuring that our families  
11 have access to low cost power. It is a moment to  
12 demand that the owners of the plant agree to assist  
13 the people of Oswego County in surviving the economic  
14 crisis many of them find themselves. It is an ideal  
15 moment to demand of the owners of the plant that they  
16 distribute the exorbitant profits emerging from the  
17 operations involved.

18 This is not a time to be timid. Rather,  
19 the people need to seek assurances from the owners of  
20 the plant that there will be sizeable and perpetual  
21 benefits which will come to them by the continuing  
22 presence of this plant. The risks that they have  
23 taken to make room for nuclear power production in  
24 this community deserve some greater benefits than the  
25 minimal Payments in Lieu of Taxes which have been

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1       forthcoming from the owners of this plant to date.

2               Before you agree to re-license this plant  
3       and set it free for another generation, I'd ask you to  
4       require a new contract with the people of Oswego  
5       County.

6               It is time for the producers of power in  
7       this community to extend greater benefits to the  
8       domestic consumers of power who live here which will  
9       dramatically reduce their monthly utility bills.

10              It is appropriate for the owners of this  
11       plant and the legislators of this county to negotiate  
12       a new contract which will assure the income from taxes  
13       which will lift the economic capabilities of this  
14       county and allow it to provide much-needed services  
15       for the residents.

16              It is timely for the nuclear power  
17       industry to take its rightful place in a cooperative  
18       and blended collaboration with other power systems to  
19       provide the people of New York State and central New  
20       York with a safe, inexpensive, and easily accessible  
21       power product.

22              It would be important that the re-  
23       licensing carried with it an assurance that  
24       appropriate evacuation plans and response plans have  
25       been instituted and meet the criteria for an immediate

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1 and effective response to a potential nuclear  
2 accident.

3 One of the economic factors which affects  
4 the retention of current industry in central New York  
5 and which also affects the attraction of new industry  
6 to this region is the provision of inexpensive,  
7 trustworthy, and accessible power. We need this  
8 company to be a player in this attempt to bolster the  
9 economy of central New York. The Oswego County Public  
10 Utility Service offers "low cost electrical energy" to  
11 new and expanding business in Oswego County, in the  
12 hope that it will inspire new jobs and retain existing  
13 jobs through the low-cost electricity provided by  
14 Entergy at the FitzPatrick plant. This is a positive  
15 initiative which has begun to be shared with the local  
16 economic community.

17 A similar form of utility incentive for  
18 domestic usage would be a welcome message to the  
19 residents of this region. It seems inconsistent that  
20 this community which houses nuclear power plants does  
21 not experience significant benefit from the presence.  
22 The economic down-turn in this region is desperately  
23 in need of signs of recovery, and thus nuclear power  
24 industry has the capability of leading the way.

25 Finally, before this plant is re-licensed,

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1 the people of this county and this region deserve the  
2 assurances that a due diligence will be in place by  
3 your agency and by related agencies charged with  
4 safety, efficiency, reliability and good employment  
5 practices which will benefit the well-being of our  
6 people. Nuclear power is not a "same-old" industry.  
7 It carries with it the potential of disaster, but it  
8 also carries with it the potential of being a good  
9 neighbor.

10 Thank you for allowing me to express  
11 myself today. My hope is that you will take the  
12 comments you hear today to heart and approach the  
13 relicensing of FitzPatrick with objectivity and  
14 concern, not only for the profit benefit concerned,  
15 but for the human and economic needs of the people of  
16 Oswego County and the central New York region.

17 I should have said at the very beginning  
18 that I'm Ed Putnam and I live in Skaneateles, but I am  
19 a candidate for the New York State Assembly and I hope  
20 to be able to be a part of the continuing operation of  
21 this, whether I'm elected or whether I'm not elected,  
22 I'm going to be very much concerned with what happens  
23 here and hope to be an ally with you in this process.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you for your comments.

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1 Ed was the only one who had signed up. Is there  
2 anyone else who would like to make a comment?

3 I guess not. I'll ask Rani Franovich who  
4 is a Branch Chief in the Environmental Review Branch  
5 responsible for the license renewal review at  
6 FitzPatrick to do the closing.

7 MS. FRANOVICH: Thank you, Steve. I just  
8 wanted to thank you all for coming to the public  
9 meeting again. It's your time out of your day and  
10 public participation is very important to our  
11 environmental review process, so thank you for coming.

12 I wanted to bring to your attention an NRC  
13 public meeting feedback form. This form is available  
14 at the reception area, right outside of this room. If  
15 you can think of a way that we can conduct these  
16 meetings better in the future, if we could do  
17 something different to better serve you, please fill  
18 out the form, leave it on the table, or you can mail  
19 it in, if you want to fill it in later. Postage is  
20 pre-paid.

21 I also wanted to remind you that we are  
22 soliciting comments on the draft of our environmental  
23 review through November 14th. Again, Sam Hernandez is  
24 the principal point of contact for receiving those  
25 comments and I just wanted to remind everyone that the

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1 opportunity for hearing closes on November 20th.

2 So with that, thanks again.

3 MR. HOFFMAN: Okay. Last chance. Anyone  
4 with questions, comments?

5 Okay, thank you.

6 (Whereupon, at 2:07 p.m., the public  
7 meeting was concluded.)

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