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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 7, 2007

Dale E. Klein
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Klein:

We are writing to request at least a 60-day extension for intervenor petitions to be filed in connection to the license renewal process for the nuclear reactors at Indian Point 2 and Indian Point 3 in Buchanan, N.Y.

In the last month alone, numerous events have occurred at the Indian Point Energy Center that warrant in-depth investigations and discussions by Entergy, the NRC, elected officials and the public beyond the October 1st, 2007, intervenor deadline.

On August 24th, Entergy missed its third deadline for the operational certification of the new emergency notification siren system. Then, on August 26th, the NRC resident inspector found a guard sleeping while on duty at the facility. Lastly, on September 4th, the NRC announced it was considering action against Entergy for not properly keeping track of uranium 235 stored within the spent fuel pool.

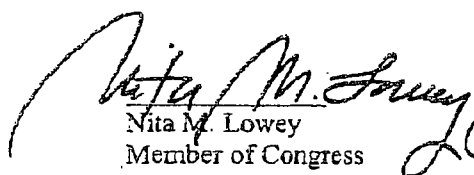
These recent missteps and violations are in addition to the ongoing leak of tritium and strontium; a split fuel pin detection; an unusual event due to a transformer fire; and four unplanned shutdowns since the beginning of the year.

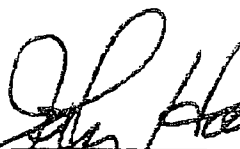
Each of these events alone deserves additional time for public scrutiny and, coupled together with the recent deficiencies and violations, raises significant public concern for the operational safety of the Indian Point facility.


Earlier this year the NRC granted Entergy an extension for compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Surely those living and working around the plant deserve an extension of the intervenor deadline to ensure that their voices are heard. Renewing the licenses for this facility would have a significant impact on the surrounding communities for generations to come. As such there must be sufficient time for those affected to properly study and voice their concerns about these issues.

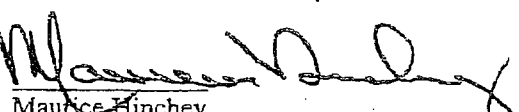
Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


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