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To Whom It May Concern,

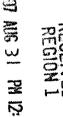
Enclosed please find the recommendations regarding the Indian Point Entergy Nuclear Facility's license renewal, from the Cortlandt Town Board and Supervisor. As you are aware, the Indian Point Entergy Facility is located in the Town of Cortlandt, New York and is a subject of great importance to our Town government and community. Please review the recommendations and contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Linda D. Puglisi Town Supervisor

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Subject: Daily Status Report for July 26

### Indian Point Energy Center Status Report

### July 26, 2007

### **Operational Status**

Indian Point Unit 2 is operating at 100 percent power and has been online for 57 days. Unit 3 is operating at 100 percent reactor power and has been on line for 85 days.

### License Renewal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has completed its acceptance review of Indian Point Energy Center's License Renewal Application and has determined that it contains sufficient information for the agency to formally docket or file the application and begin its technical review.

Yesterday, the NRC also announced the opportunity for interested parties to request a hearing on the application to renew the operating licenses for another 20 years. The agency expects the review of the license renewal application to take 27 months with no hearing to 35 months with a hearing.

### **Educational Outreach**

Entergy Nuclear Northeast provides customized outreach education programs for schools, youth groups, and civic organizations. The topics we cover include Emergency Planning, Understanding Radiation, Nuclear Fuel and a general overview of the operations of Indian Point Energy Center. If you would like a brochure or are interested in scheduling a program, contact IPEC Communications at 914-271-7441.

If you have any questions or need clarification of the information provided, please contact Kathy McMullin, manager of communications, Indian Point Energy Center, at 914-271-7132.

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## A PRACTICAL PLAN

### <u>for:</u>

**Indian Points Entergy Nuclear Facility License Renewal** 

Recommendations by Town of Cortlandt Supervisor Linda D. Puglisi and Town Board To the NRC August 1, 2007

1. Re-licensing decisions of Indian Point 2 and Indian Point 3 nuclear reactors should not be made or progressed in the time line schedule proposed until all of the environmental issues and problems have been adequately addressed, studied and corrected. (e.g.: recently discovered storage unit of radiological matters found due to the comprehensive baseline evaluation by the NRC; conclusive findings of the groundwater leaks discovered during the construction of dry cask storage units for the radioactive spent fuel rods; in-depth air and soil testing.)

<u>Note:</u> The Town Board and I have supported Congressional bills for independent audits of these issues. Yes, we are aware that there are other tests underway by Entergy, NRC and the NYS DEC. However, we support a total independent audit be completed, as well.

2. The sixty (60) days, with the clock ticking, is <u>not</u> sufficient amount of time for <u>all</u> interested parties, entities and individuals to prepare their comments and submit reports to be entered into the record. July and August, of which the sixty days include, are summer vacation months and therefore, many groups or individuals may not have ample time to put together their opinions and documents. An extension of the sixty (60) days is needed and necessary. A decision of this importance deserves more time for commentary.

- 3. If the NRC, after the three-year period and review of all comments decides to grant a re-licensing of Entergy Nuclear facilities, a twenty (20) year extension is too great. It would allow the owner, Entergy, even though they would state all good intentions, to relax to some degree. It's human nature. Therefore, I suggest consideration of a shorter interval for an extension, perhaps five years and then thorough baseline studies should again be completed due to the age of these plants before another five- year extension is considered and granted by the NRC. Also, an increase in betterments/benefits for the community.
- 4. If the NRC <u>decides not</u> to grant re-licensing of the Entergy Nuclear facilities at Indian Point then there has to be strong consideration given to address the economics, reclamation, security, and safety at this site.

The workers cannot lose their jobs. Many individuals have spent their entire professional careers working diligently at these plants. Tax revenue and now a P.I.L.O.T. agreement (payment in lieu of taxes) are distributed amongst three levels of government; a school district, a library system and a fire district. All entities depend on these monies to offset their annual budgets and therefore assist the local taxpayers.

Therefore, these critical issues must be resolved similar to what occurred with the closure of the General Motors Plant (3,000 jobs) in the Village of Sleepy Hollow, Westchester County in the late 1980's. Individuals were retrained and relocated to other General Motors plants and the revenue issue was also spread over several years in an agreement. Entergy would need to keep a workforce at this location for various current and future tasks. Security and safety of this facility would always be a factor, since the radiological spent fuel rods are and will remain for many years at this location, if not permanently.

5. Safety and security issues lead me to my ongoing request and plea to have a total <u>no-fly zone</u> over these nuclear plants. I've been publicly calling for this action since the tragedy of 9/11/01. I had a press release a few days after this terrible incident and sent it to our Federal and State officials. I have been told that there are fewer flights, however, this is not satisfactory, especially since we recently learned that re-routing of flights could increase activity in our area. This FAA decision is not acceptable and must be challenged. Once again, we need a no fly zone over Indian Point.

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6. The Town of Cortlandt retained a consultant to assist the Town Board and I with local planning in case of an emergency at Indian Point. The recommendations can also be utilized for other emergencies (e.g. hurricane, tornado, earthquake, severe flooding etc.) This report will be submitted to the public in September 2007 and its goal is to partner with and enhance the existing Evacuation Plan with more specific recommendations for the local level

7. <u>Finally:</u> I have publicly stated many times that a Blue Ribbon Commission/task force needs to be appointed by the Governor once again similar to what was established with the General Motors Plant in the late 1980's. At the federal level, a Commission was put in place to evaluate 9/11 and the Iraq War. Findings and recommendations are results of these studies and commissions to benefit all parties involved. This Commission needs to begin immediately whether or not the NRC decides to grant a re-licensing or not so that there can be an ongoing dialogue implemented in an orderly and objective manner.

Submitted by:

Supérvisor Linda D. Puğlisi and Cortlandt Town Board Members