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Statement for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
On Proposed Relicensing of the Indian Point Plants

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This is written on behalf of the Board of Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC). FCWC is a 40-year old environmental coalition of hundreds of individual and organizational members representing several thousand Westchester County residents. We are dedicated to protecting Westchester County's natural resources.

We have expressed our concerns about Indian Point a number of times over the years, including at a hearing before your very Commission in the 1980's to object to the inadequacy of the emergency evacuation plan for Indian Point.

We have been told that many of our reasons for vehemently objecting to the relicensing of these nuclear plants are "outside the scope" of your September 26, 2007 hearing. We strenuously object to this narrowing of the scope to eliminate many legitimate concerns that should be weighed in your decision to relicense. We support the suit to try to make you broaden your review and also support the call of the Westchester County executive for an independent evaluation of the safety of these plants as well as the concerns of our congresspersons.

One issue that FCWC raised when the plants were first built is their proximity to the Ramapo fault that crosses the Hudson River. Although we have not heard this issue raised recently, the risks involved in this location near the fault line should also be carefully considered before allowing the plants to operate for another 20 years.

Since we are told that our legitimate concerns (such as the entirely inadequate response and evacuation capability, risk from terrorist attack, etc.) will not be heard, we conclude with the plea that the plants NOT be relicensed, which we believe indefensibly increases the risk to all Westchester residents and to the entire region.

Thank you for accepting our statement and making it part of the record.

Cesare Manfredi, FCWC President

Carolyn Cunningham, member of the FCWC Board of Directors

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