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### **ATOMIC SAFETY & LICENSING BOARD ESTABLISHED TO HANDLE INDIAN POINT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION PROCEEDING**

A three-judge board has been established to review requests for a hearing on the license renewal application for the Indian Point nuclear power plant, located in Buchanan (Westchester County), N.Y. Should a hearing regarding the application take place, the board would also conduct that proceeding.

The board is drawn from the Atomic Safety & Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP), which is a judicial component of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) tasked with conducting all licensing and other hearings as directed by the presidentially appointed Commission that oversees the NRC. The ASLBP operates independently of the NRC technical staff. The judges named by ASLBP Chief Administrative Judge E. Roy Hawkens to preside over the Indian Point proceeding are: Lawrence G. McDade, who will serve as chair; Dr. Richard E. Wardwell; and Dr. Kaye D. Lathrop. Brief biographical information for the judges is available at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/organization/panel-members.html>.

Most boards are composed of one judge who is qualified in conducting administrative proceedings, who is a lawyer, and two judges who have technical qualifications appropriate to the issues in the proceedings, who are scientists or engineers.

Under NRC regulations, the original operating license for a nuclear power plant has a term of 40 years. The license may be renewed for up to an additional 20 years if NRC requirements are met. The current operating licenses for Indian Point Units 2 and 3 expire, respectively, on Sept. 28, 2013, and Dec. 12, 2015.

Entergy's license renewal application for Indian Point was received by the NRC on April 30, 2007.

The deadline for the receipt of requests for a hearing on the application is Nov. 30, 2007.

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