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In the Matter of
ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.
(Indian Point Nuclear Generating, Units 2 and 3)
Docket Nos. 50-247-LR/286-LR

Dear Administrative Judges:

Pursuant to the Licensing Board's instructions during the oral arguments on March 12, 2008,[1] the NRC Staff hereby wishes to advise that it will require the twenty-five (25) day period provided by 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(h)(1) to file its answer to Riverkeeper's Amended Contention, TC-1.[2] Riverkeeper served Amended Contention TC-1 on March 5, 2008. Accordingly, the NRC Staff's answer is due on Monday, March 31, 2008.

In addition, the NRC Staff wishes to clarify the date on which it will complete its filing with respect to another matter. On March 7, 2008, the Licensing Board issued an Order relating to the service and content of WestCAN's February 15, 2008 Reply. In its March 7

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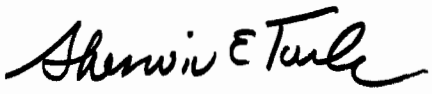
[1] Tr. at 558-559.

[2] 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(h)(1) states that the applicant, the NRC staff, and any other party to a proceeding may file an answer to a request for a hearing, a petition to intervene and/or proffered contentions within twenty-five (25) days after service of the request for hearing, petition and/or contentions.

Order, the Board directed the NRC Staff to respond to questions posed by the Board and to provide copies of the documents the Board requested. The Order specified the due date for the NRC Staff's submission as March 18, 2008.[3] The Staff will be unable to file its response earlier than the date specified in the Licensing Board's Order. Accordingly, the NRC Staff will file its response to the Board's March 7, 2008 Order on March 18, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



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[3] During oral argument, the Board stated that the Staff's filing with respect to the WestCAN Reply was scheduled to be filed on Monday, March 17, 2008. Tr. at 559.