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In the Matter of
ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.
(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3)
Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR; ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

Pursuant to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's December 18, 2008 Memorandum and Order (Addressing Requests that the Proceeding be Conducted Pursuant to Subpart G), slip op. at 13, and the telephone conference call held on January 14, 2009, the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("Staff") herein notifies the Licensing Board and the parties that a hearing file has been created for this proceeding. The hearing file includes materials required pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.1203, as well as the Staff's mandatory disclosures produced pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(b) and (c). Materials in the hearing file may be accessed through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System ("ADAMS"). An index containing the ADAMS accession number, date, and title or description of each item in the hearing file is appended hereto as Attachment 1.

On or about February 4, 2009, the hearing file will be made available via the Electronic Hearing Docket ("EHD"), which may be accessed at the following URL: http://ehd.nrc.gov/EHD_Proceeding/home.asp. The hearing file will be contained in a sub-folder entitled, "Indian PT Hearing File" in the "Indian_PT_2&3_50-247&50-286-LR" folder of the EHD.

In addition, as required by 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(b)(5), the Staff is producing two privilege logs, identifying documents withheld under the deliberative process privilege and documents containing proprietary, sensitive, or privacy-related information, which are appended hereto as Attachments 2 and 3, respectively. Also attached is the Declaration of Brian E. Holian formally invoking the deliberative process privilege with respect to each of the documents in Attachment

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2. The Staff will preserve and maintain the privileged documents identified in these logs during the pendency of this proceeding.

Further, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(c), attached is the affidavit of Andrew L. Stuyvenberg, certifying that all relevant materials required by this section have been disclosed, and that the disclosures are accurate and complete for documents identified as of January 23, 2009, except with respect to Consolidated Contention Riverkeeper EC-3/Clearwater EC-1, as set forth in the Licensing Board's Order of January 30, 2009.

Finally, in preparing to make these initial disclosures, the Applicant, Riverkeeper and the Staff have each located a large volume of documents pertaining to historic groundwater contamination issues at the Indian Point site, including Unit 1 and Unit 2 spent fuel pool leaks, which may be relevant to Consolidated Contention Riverkeeper EC-3/Clearwater EC-1. In the interest of cooperation, the Staff has agreed to identify such additional documents in its possession, notwithstanding the Staff's belief that it need not identify such documents in this proceeding under 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.336(b)-(c) or 2.1203(b). The Staff will identify documents pertaining to groundwater contamination issues at the Indian Point site, in addition to the documents identified in the current set of initial disclosures, on or before February 28, 2009, in accordance with the Licensing Board's Order of January 30, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Privilege Log - Deliberative Process

Privilege Log - Proprietary or Sensitive Information

Affidavit of Andrew L. Stuyvenberg Declaration of Brian E. Holian

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