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Attached please find my comments as I was unable to speak by 4pm yesterday. Sorry I had to pick up my child after school.

Thank you,
Diane Swertfager

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Diane Swertfager, Varsity Volleyball Coach Hendrick Hudson High School

Hello. My name is Diane Swertfager, and I am the Varsity Volleyball Coach for the Hendrick Hudson High School Sailors, New York State Volleyball Champions for the third straight year.

I make that statement with great pride in the achievements of my team, but also with an acknowledgement that as a coach you are dependent upon the hard work and dedication of many individuals – your players, assistant coaches and support staff, parents, school leadership, fellow students, sponsors, residents and even the people cutting the field grass. If anyone in the group lacks focus or is not dedicated to winning, you cannot maintain a quality athletic program. It's impossible.

That is why I truly understand the dedication and hard work you need to run a safe, secure and successful operation as massive as Indian Point. You cannot remain on line for so many days in a row, month-after-month, providing so much power without the laser-like focus of all those employees moving in the same direction towards the same goal.

I have had the pleasure of working with Entergy through their sponsorship of the team, and take great pride in the work they do, as I'm sure they take great pride in knowing they, too, support a winning team.

School systems – Like Hen Hud – want nothing more than the best for their students – academically, physically and emotionally. We want to ensure our students maintain healthy minds and bodies, so we offer programs that challenge them both in the classroom and on the field.

However, accomplishing this feat means one, we have the financial support and tax base for sustaining a quality education and sports programs. And, two, the students are not distracted by disruptive events in the community; events which will move a student's focus away from their studies.

At a minimum, closing Indian Point will significantly impact the Hen Hud School District's ability to maintain a high-quality education experience for all of our students. Further out, we will lose the hard-working families that are the underpinning of this community, and witness the same deterioration other

neighborhoods have endured when losing a large part of their economic and energy infrastructure.

At a time when school districts are clinging to their tax base, and wondering when the next wave of State educational cuts will hit, we can ill afford the loss of Indian Point.

We should be looking for ways to further ensure their success, so that by extension, we will successfully navigate through this deepening recession.

On behalf of my team, and all of the people who continue supporting our winning efforts, I want to say in closing that we support keeping Indian Point open for 20 more years, for the good of our schools, and the good of our community.

Thank you.