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RE: February 12, 2009 Public Hearing on the Relicensing of the Indian Point Energy Center

I write here in support of renewing the license for Indian Point Energy Center.

The debate over relicensing has taken place without input from communities of color which are under siege by dirty air not to mention the health effects that come along with poor air quality. The debate over relicensing has raged on without input from New York City working families who can ill-afford higher electricity bills. The debate over relicensing has taken place without reassurance that the dirty-air power plants, built to replace Indian Point, will not once again end up in low-income minority neighborhoods.

Indian Point is clean, emissions-free energy that will help improve air quality. In this age of global warming, now is not the time to embrace dirty energy that is harmful to the public and planet's health. Indian Point is affordable energy that helps keep electricity bills stable. In this age of economic uncertainty and rising unemployment, now is certainly not the time to increase electric bills. Indian Point is reliable energy that can keep pace with the ever-growing demands of our region. In this age of green technology, we must continue making investments in renewable energy, however, now is not the time to shutter Indian Point without having clean energy options already in place

Thank you for allowing me to add my concerns into this debate. We are hopeful that any decision reached will be one that ensures a continued supply of reliable, clean and affordable electricity for all New Yorkers.

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