# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman Dr. Kaye D. Lathrop Dr. Richard E. Wardwell

In the Matter of

ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.

(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3)

Docket Nos. 50-0247-LR and 50-286-LR

ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01

May 28, 2009

#### Order

(Denying Riverkeeper's Filing to Preserve Right to Amend Contention TC-2)

On March 18, 2009, Riverkeeper, Inc. ("Riverkeeper") asked this Licensing Board to expressly recognize its right to amend Riverkeeper Contention TC-2 once it has had a chance to review Entergy "basis documents" that the NRC Staff had reviewed in preparing its Safety Evaluation Report with Open Items ("SER"). The Board agrees with the NRC Staff² that by seeking an affirmative action by the Board, Riverkeeper's filing was, for all intents and purposes, a motion. Accordingly, we conclude that Riverkeeper's submission must be treated by the Board as a motion, and must be denied because Riverkeeper did not include a certification, as required by 10 C.F.R. § 2.323(b), explaining how it made "a sincere effort" to contact the other parties to resolve the issues raised in the motion prior to its filing.

That being said, the Board does not believe that any motion asking for an advisory decision on this point could be appropriate. Rather, if after a review of the documents it has

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Riverkeeper, Inc.'s Preservation of Right to Amend Contention TC-2 – Flow Accelerated Corrosion Based Upon NRC Staff's Safety Evaluation Report with Open Items (Mar. 18, 2009) at 2-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>See</u> NRC Staff's Answer to "Riverkeeper, Inc.'s Preservation of Right to Amend Contention TC-2 – Flow Accelerated Corrosion Based Upon NRC Staff's Safety Evaluation Report with Open Items" (Mar. 30, 2009) at 2-3.

requested from Energy, Riverkeeper believes that new information has been discovered that supports a new or amended contention, it can then submit the appropriate petition. The Board will evaluate Riverkeeper's submissions when they are properly before us.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD<sup>3</sup>

/RA/

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland May 28, 2009

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Copies of this Order were sent this date by Internet e-mail to: (1) Counsel for the NRC Staff; (2) Counsel for Entergy; (3) Counsel for the State of New York; (4) Counsel for Riverkeeper, Inc.; (5) Manna Jo Green, the Representative for Clearwater; (6) Counsel for the State of Connecticut; (7) Counsel for Westchester County; (8) Counsel for the Town of Cortlandt; (9) Mayor Alfred J. Donahue, the Representative for the Village of Buchanan; and (10) Counsel for the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

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