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March 10, 2009

Mr. Samuel J. Collins Regional Administrator U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region 1 475 Allendale Road King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

12/31/08 73 FR 80440

Dear Mr. Collins,

On behalf of Local 46 Metallic Lathers Union and Reinforcing Ironworkers, I would like to offer our strong support for the relicensing of Indian Point.

The facts clearly demonstrate that New York cannot meet its current and future energy needs without the continued operations of the Indian Point Energy Center. The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has also noted that closure of the Indian Point's reactors would result in an 'immediate violation of reliability standards'. Given that on a typical day Indian Point provides up to 30 percent of the power used in New York City and the surrounding region, it is even more critical to keep Indian Point online.

Indian Point produces 2,000 megawatts of clean, emissions-free electricity and is a critical economic engine for the Lower Hudson Valley, responsible for more than \$700 million in annual regional economic activity. Additionally, Indian Point is also a friend to working families throughout the region. Not only does Indian Point provide reliable, low-cost electricity, but organized labor has been central to the continued operations and support of the facility.

Working families deserve a comprehensive, common-sense energy plan that will support our state's economic recovery) Indian Point's 2,000 megawatts of clean reliable, low-cost electricity are crucial to this effort.

Sincerely.

Robert A. Ledwith Business Manager, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

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