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Dear Mr. Collins:

On behalf of Local 5 of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, I am writing in strong support of the Indian Point Energy Center's application for relicensing. These are some of the most challenging economic times our region has faced in nearly a century. Businesses are raising consumer costs and cutting employee benefits just to stay afloat. Economic uncertainty continues to plague our local banks, and unemployment is now at its highest level in nearly fifteen years.

New Yorkers also face a very uncertain future. Con Edison reported last year that electricity usage increased 23 percent between 1997 and 2007. Our existing power supply is not equipped to handle the state's increasing demands for energy. The dangers of blackouts increase every day. Many of our lawmakers such as President Obama have wisely focused on energy infrastructure investment to stimulate our economy. Updating our electricity transmission infrastructure and implementing a new, comprehensive power plant siting law in New York will certainly create new jobs and facilitate needed economic investment.

Despite all this, New York still cannot meet its long-term energy needs without Indian Point. Without Indian Point producing 2,000 megawatts of emissions free electricity, the atmosphere in the New York City region would be adversely effected as new fossil fuel plants would be needed to replace Indian Point's output. Specifically, the replacement power would generate an additional 14 million tons of carbon dioxide each year.

Indian Point is also a source of jobs and investment - with hundreds of our fellow union members supporting their families because of the job opportunities the facility provides. In tough times, these issues cannot be ignored.

Working families deserve the opportunity to build on their quality of life - not see it interrupted by short sighted, narrow interests. The relicensing of Indian Point will go a long way to insuring cleaner air and job growth in the Hudson Valley.

Sincerely yours

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