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Mr. Harold L. Price
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Dear Mr. Price:

I am writing to urge that the Atomic Energy Commission act quickly to approve the application of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York for permission to expand its nuclear generating facilities at its Indian Point Plant in Buchanan, New York.

The greater metropolitan area urgently needs the power that this enlarged facility can provide. This is especially true since it is now apparent that nuclear reactors have the capacity to meet tremendous load changes quickly and accurately.

According to a recent report in a leading technical journal, the Indian Point plant already "has brought closer the day when large population centers, with their fluctuating loads, are served by nuclear power." This has been borne out by recent statements by officials of General Electric Company. If the proposed expansion hastens the realization of this goal, then immediate approval is essential to meet the much-discussed peaking and emergency power needs of the region.

With New York facing a serious problem of air pollution, which will only be worsened by the other, presently-suggested alternative proposals for meeting base load and peaking and emergency power needs, the development of clean, safe nuclear power is a vital necessity for the protection of public health.

In addition, the Town of Buchanan has found the Indian Point plant to be a safe, unobtrusive and generally beneficial neighbor. There is strong support throughout the entire community for the proposed expansion.

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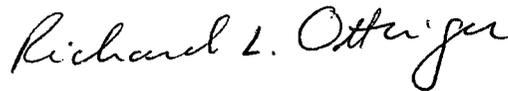
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As you are undoubtedly aware, the existing facility at Indian Point did pose certain serious problems in regard to fishlife in the Hudson River. However, it has been established that this problem was due to mechanical defects which should have been required to be corrected by New York State conservation officials and which were not connected with any problem related to the atomic reactor. I have proposed legislation (H.R. 13508) that would vest the Department of Interior with responsibility for making up for the negligence of State officials. This legislation, however, is not intended to, and will not, interfere with your Commission's important responsibility to approve the expansion of Indian Point if you find its design and specifications to meet your exacting safety requirements.

Based on the facts about this plant as presently available to me and upon assurances that adequate steps will be taken to protect the fish, recreation and scenic resources of the Hudson Valley, I warmly support the company's proposal and urge your favorable action.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Ottinger
Member of Congress

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