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Re: Consolidated Edison Company of New York  
(Indian Point, Unit No. 2)

Power Authority of the State of New York  
(Indian Point, Unit No. 3)

Docket Nos. 50-247, 50-286

Gentlemen:

The Power Authority of the State of New York (the Power Authority) requests that you take steps, including an amendment to the Commission's order of January 8, 1981, if appropriate, to assure that the adjudicatory hearing in the above captioned matter be held in the United States Courthouse, Foley Square, in Manhattan.

A site in or near Buchanan would not serve the interests of a majority of the public, and it would be a distraction from plant operations.

A number of persons and organizations may seek to intervene. Some may have standing. Public interest may be considerable. An important aspect of the Power Authority's responsibility is the assurance of openness to the public and access to information. The selection of either Buchanan or of White Plains, where previous hearings have been held, will not provide

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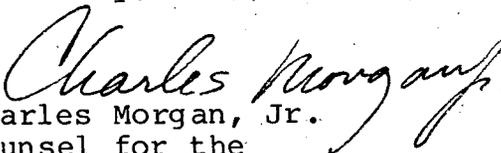
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maximum accessibility, as will the selection of New York City-- where those primarily served by power generated at Indian Point reside.

A New York City site also would serve the ends of judicial economy and convenience to the parties. Materials relevant to the hearing will be in New York City where some counsel and witnesses reside.

The ultimate jury for nuclear power is an educated citizenry. It is with that in mind that we make this request.

Sincerely,

  
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