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Subject: Request for Phone Discussion and/or Meeting on Indian Point License Renewal Timeline

Dear Mr. Dean:

On behalf of the New York Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance (New York AREA); a 501 (c) (6) non-profit organization comprised of more than 150 labor and business organizations, community leaders, and independent energy experts, I am writing to formally request a phone briefing on Indian Point's license renewal application and the new delays which have placed this application on hold.

As you know, New York AREA firmly supports the ongoing operations of the Indian Point Energy Center, and the application by Entergy for license renewal. The facility's power is a critical component of New York's electricity infrastructure, while also vital for keeping existing and creating future jobs, keeping electricity costs competitive, and meeting stringent air quality standards. Independent studies have demonstrated the impact of the facility on metropolitan region, with closure leading to price hikes of 150%, the elimination of 11,000 jobs, and a loss of more than \$1 billion to the local economy.

In October, 2010, we held a productive call between New York AREA and the NRC which answered many questions related to the EIS timeline. During that call, it was understood that the process would continue forward following the release of the EIS. The admission of new contentions from long-standing anti-nuclear advocates has now effectively ground the process to a halt. We would appreciate the opportunity to continue our dialogue and discuss the ramifications of this action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Arthur "Jerry" Kremer
Chairman
New York AREA