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In the Matter of
ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.
(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3)
Docket Nos. 50-247-LR/286-LR

Dear Administrative Judges:

As I noted in my letter of October 17, 2011, the National Marine Fisheries Service ("NMFS") issued a Biological Opinion ("BO") on October 14, 2011, regarding the effects of license renewal of Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3 ("IP2" and "IP3") on the shortnose sturgeon. As I further noted, the NRC Staff ("Staff") was "reviewing the BO in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 51.92, to determine whether it warrants issuance of a Supplement to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ['FSEIS'] for license renewal of IP2 and IP3."

The Staff wishes to inform you that it has decided to issue a Supplement to the FSEIS for IP2 and IP3 (NUREG-1437, Supplement 38, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants: Regarding Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3," December 2010), in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 51.92. The FSEIS Supplement will address new information which the Staff has received regarding aquatic impacts, including information received from NMFS and other interested parties. In this regard, the Staff expects to publish a draft Supplement for public comment in or about May 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherwin E. Turk".

Sherwin E. Turk
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cc: EIE Service List