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Re: Indian Point Units 2 and 3 License Renewal Application
NRC Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR
ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01

Dear Sir or Madam:

I represent the NAACP New York State Conference, an organization that is known Nationally and in New York State we represent 60,000 members. I am writing to express my support for license renewal of Indian Point Units 2 and 3 in Buchanan, NY. It is my understanding that the NRC is considering numerous issues in connection with the license renewal application, including the potential for alternative energy sources.

Reliable, affordable electricity and reducing emissions are important issues on the ladder of economic empowerment. The NYS Conference of the NAACP is a social justice organization that is at the forefront of the environmental justice movement. The health and well being of underserved communities that suffer adverse environmental conditions such as air pollution is central to our agenda. From an electric reliability standpoint, Indian Point supplies between 25% and 30% of the electricity for New York City and the lower Westchester County area. The base-load supply of electricity from the plants helps to maintain the reliability of the electric grid. And it does so with virtually no emission of the greenhouse gases attributable to climate change and air pollution. As one of the first fortune 500 companies to sign on the NAACP's "fair share" principles the owner operator of Indian Point has an extensive track record of inclusion and social responsibility.

Many of the alternatives to Indian Point will increase air emissions, diminish system reliability and increase costs to those who can least afford it. I encourage you to renew the license for Indian Point after you have completed the appropriate safety and environmental reviews. It will enable the region to avoid millions/tons of additional air pollution on an annual basis.

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Thank you for considering my comments on this issue.

Sincerely,



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