



RAS E-638

DOCKETED
USNRC

August 8, 2012 (8:30 a.m.)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
RULEMAKINGS AND
ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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 am writing on behalf of the Rockland Business Association and our members to express support for the license renewal of Units 2 and 3 at the Indian Point Energy Center, in Buchanan, New York. The continued operation of Indian Point is vital to economic development and the preservation of land values in the region.

Since Indian Point 2 and 3 went into operation, local property values and the associated revenues from property taxes have continued to increase in Rockland County. In fact, property tax revenues grew by \$14 million between 2006 and 2010, despite New York being hit by one of the worst economic recessions in history. A large portion of those revenues goes to local school districts, acting as a direct investment in our future.

Indian Point's 2000 megawatts of generation accounts for 30% New York City's electric supply, and 11% of power used statewide. It powers our homes, businesses, and critical transportation, health, and municipal systems. The numerous benefits of Indian Point's continued operation, including electric reliability, minimized power costs, and increased public safety, have contributed to the relocation of new businesses, industries, and people to the region. Rockland County has experienced steady population growth since Indian Point Units 2 and 3 went online nearly 30 years ago, with a nearly 10 percent increase in population size in the last decade alone.

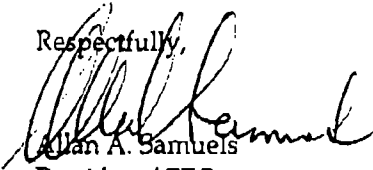
Numerous studies show that without Indian Point, there would be a significant rise in electricity prices in New York and drastic reductions in grid reliability, factors that hurt the bottom lines of all ratepayers. This would no doubt impact the nearly 9,000 businesses and industries that populate Rockland County that might be forced to lay off workers; or worse, relocate elsewhere. The resulting reduction in the ability to keep and expand jobs, as well as an exodus of business, residents, and the associated capital would have serious negative implications for the local tax base and on property values.

Given these factors, a shutdown of Indian Point would have significant, long-term impacts on both the public and private sectors in Rockland County: from schools to businesses

One Blue Hill Plaza / P.O. Box 1567
Pearl River, NY 10965
tel: 845.735.2100 / fax: 845.735.2482
www.rocklandbusiness.org

and public safety services. I encourage the ASLB to diligently consider the many benefits that Indian Point brings to downstate New York and substantial benefits to the local economy and local land values resulting from its continued operation.

Respectfully,


Allan A. Samuels
President/CEO

cc: Administrative Judge Lawrence G. McDade
c/o Anne Siarnacki, Law Clerk
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel
Mail Stop T-3F23
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001
Fax to: (301) 415-5599 (verification (301) 415-7550)
Email to: anne.siarnacki@nrc.gov