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By email

Re: Limited Appearance Statement regarding Indian Point Generating Units 2 and 3

Gentlemen:

I am providing this limited appearance statement as an outside observer. My interest stems from having grown up in southern Ulster County, New York, not far from the Indian Point site, and having been employed by Westinghouse Electric, the supplier of the Indian Point units, between 1968 and 1997. I have no vested interest in whether or not the plants continue to operate.

I am writing to suggest that the units be given a single, non-renewable 10-year operating license. During these 10 years, the interested parties should secure a suitable alternate power source, be it from current-generation nuclear plants, hydropower from Quebec, or a combination of renewable and natural gas power.

Supporters of the units would readily agree that they are dinosaurs. Were they to be built today, they could not be licensed at their present location. While significant upgrades have been made, and will likely continue to be made, reliability will likely decrease with ongoing operation as components age.

Conversely, opponents of the plant should readily agree that there is no current source of replacement power with comparable cost, reliability, and environmental release from routine operation.

Given these conflicting priorities, it is incumbent upon the interested parties to secure an alternate power source that provides increased capacity, higher reliability, and less environmental impact. Knowing that much of upstate New York is economically depressed, many would likely welcome the investment required to make this a reality. Allowing 10 more years of operation should provide sufficient time to foster a smooth transition to a new power source.

Sincerely yours,



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The attached limited appearance statement is being provided in regard to the Indian Point Units 2 and 3 license renewal application.

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