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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 am writing to express my support for the relicensing 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 effect of relicensing on land values in the area near the plants, and the local economy.

After reviewing the Entergy website, I found that Indian Point has approximately 1,100 employees and usually has, on average, another 200 contractors on site. The facility spends \$137 million in annual full-time employee payroll, pays \$75 million in annual property taxes and revenue sharing with the State of New York, and makes annual donations of roughly \$1.5 million to area charities, including many in my neighborhood and community.

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 baseload supply of electricity from the plants helps to maintain the reliability of the electric grid. Having just experience a record-breaking hot summer, with high electricity bills, I am very concerned about what would happen if Indian Point were to be closed.

I personally toured the plant last year, and I was very impressed with the high level of safety and security measures that are enforced. I trust that Entergy will continue to maintain that level of safety and concern for the local citizens and environment in the future.

Indian Point's significant positive impact on the local economy and non-profit organizations as well as its important contribution to grid reliability are factors that help maintain land values in the communities near the plant. Those values would surely decrease if the facility were closed. I encourage you to renew the license for Indian Point after you have completed the appropriate economic and environmental reviews.

Thank you for considering my comments on this issue.

Sincerely,

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