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

Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook:

I am a former submariner responsible for safely operating a pressurized water reactor (PWR) under conditions far worse than Indian Point will experience. We were designed to run at various angles and inclinations, through depth charges, and with our without key pieces of equipment functional. As such I have a unique perspective of the safety of a properly operated and maintained PWR. This safety is also the reason why the Chinese program has adopted this as their core technology and are building them hand over fist while we belabor the point of how to provide clean industrial-level power in a region that needs it. In 1992, I was hired by Indian Point, who routinely capitalizes on the training and experience people gain in the Navy's nuclear power program. Good people and good clean technology.

As a person born and raised in the area, and a Hudson Valley resident, I am writing today to express my support for the relicensing of the Indian Point Energy Center. The continued operation of Indian Point plays an integral role in energy stability in the region at a low cost, and helps preserve local land values. I was born in White Plains, raised in Mamaroneck, and I plan to stay in the area when I retire. All my friends know Indian Point is safe, and they do not like the thought of power outages.

Indian Point Energy Center is a positive asset for the Hudson Valley region and for the State of New York due to the significant contributions made to the regional economy that support local land values and for the essential role Indian Point plays to ensure the reliability of our electrical grid.

As the Indian Point Energy Center employs greater than 1,000 highly-skilled full-time individuals, the facility serves as an economic engine for the region. Like me, these individuals work at the site and live in the area with our respective families. Through the fruits of our labor, each one of us contribute to the economic prosperity of the region through the salaries we invest in local businesses to the taxes that sustain school districts and the public services like the police and fire departments.

Local businesses, such as the ones located in Buchanan, NY, survive and thrive off Indian Point's annual economic infusion. Indian Point employees frequent Buchanan shops; the site pays significant taxes; Entergy supports many non-profit organizations; and many employees participate in the community as soccer coaches, PTA presidents, volunteer firefighters and other critical positions that make this area a well sought-after location to raise a family.

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. This crucial fact has been recognized by numerous entities such as the overseer of the state's electrical grid, the New York Independent System Operator, and the local transmission company, Con Edison. These are two voices you also need to listen to.

Indian Point is safe and the region needs its power and the economic benefits. This is why I support the relicensing of the Indian Point Energy Center and urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to do the same.

Thank you for your consideration of this message.

Sincerely,

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