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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:

My name is Peter Fontanes and I am the President of Hispanics in Real Estate and Construction. I am writing because it is my understanding that the NRC is considering numerous issues in connection with the license renewal application for the Indian Point Energy Center, including the potential for alternative energy sources.

Businesses throughout Westchester, from Ossining to Port Chester, rely on the safe, clean and affordable power Indian Point produces. In fact, as much as 40% of our power, used for everything from our schools, hospitals and businesses, comes from Indian Point. Keeping Indian Point open means that families and businesses are not forced to pay dramatically higher electricity bills.

Right now, small businesses throughout our communities are struggling, costs are rising and the economy is struggling. Without Indian Point it is estimated that the average New York City

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business will have to pay 5 to 10 percent more annually for their electricity. This is simply an unaffordable cost.

The continued operation of Indian Point also has a direct and significant impact on our health. In short, because Indian Point is operating, our children are not breathing more of the dirty, polluted air released by conventional power plants. As it is, New York City's air quality is bad enough, with the City continually being identified by the Environmental Protection Agency as out of compliance with federal clean air standards. Recognizing that the operation of Indian Point does not release greenhouse gases or other hazardous pollutants it simply doesn't make sense to shut down the area's largest source of clean energy.

Over the years, various alternative energy sources have been proposed to replace the Indian Point Energy Center, but none of them are an acceptable substitute. Each potential alternative source that is capable of replacing the Indian Point Energy Center either fails the affordability test or the health test. New York's small business need more power plants that produce clean and affordable power, not fewer. Therefore, I urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Atomic Safety Licensing Board to renew Indian Point's operating license.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



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