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Administrative Judge Michael F. Kennedy Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel Mail Stop T-3 F23 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001 Administrative Judge
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In the Matter of ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC. (Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3)

<u>Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR</u>

Dear Administrative Judges:

Pursuant to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's December 18, 2008, "Memorandum and Order (Addressing Requests that the Proceeding be Conducted Pursuant to Subpart G)," slip op. at 13, the Licensing Board's "Order (Granting Consent Motion Regarding Mandatory Disclosures)," dated January 30, 2009, at 1, the staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("Staff") herein notifies the Licensing Board and the parties that the hearing file has been supplemented for this proceeding. Materials in the hearing file may be accessed through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System ("ADAMS"). An index containing the ADAMS accession number, date, and title or description of each item in Hearing File Index, Supplement 50 is appended hereto as Attachment 1.

On or about April 10, 2013, the documents identified in the hearing file will be made available via the Electronic Hearing Docket ("EHD"), which may be accessed at the following URL: http://ehd.nrc.gov/EHD Proceeding/home.asp. The hearing file will be contained in a sub-folder entitled, "Indian PT Hearing File, Supplement 50" in the "Indian_PT_2&3_50-247&50-286-LR" folder of the EHD.

In addition, as required by 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(b)(5), the Staff is producing a privilege log, identifying documents withheld under the deliberative process privilege, which is appended hereto as Attachment 2. Also attached is the Declaration of John W. Lubinski formally invoking the deliberative process privilege with respect to the documents in Attachment 2. The Staff will

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preserve and maintain the privileged documents identified in the log during the pendency of this proceeding.

Further, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(c), attached is the Affidavit of Kimberly J. Green, certifying that all relevant materials required by this section have been disclosed, and that the disclosures are accurate and complete as to documents identified by March 25, 2013.

Finally, the NRC Staff notes that it has made a good faith effort to identify and characterize all documents meeting the criteria of 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(b) and 10 C.F.R. § 2.1203 in this proceeding. In identifying these documents, the Staff does not concede their relevance to the license renewal issues to be decided in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Signed (electronically) byAnita Ghosh
Counsel for NRC Staff

Enclosures: Attachment 1 - Hearing File Index, Supplement 50

Attachment 2 - Deliberative Process Privilege Log

Declaration of John W. Lubinski Affidavit of Kimberly J. Green

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Attachment 1 - Indian Point License Renewal Hearing File Index Supplement 50 – March 29, 2013

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)3	03/08/2013 Correction to Project Manager Change For The License Renewal Of Indian Point, Units 2 and 3 (TAC NOS. MD5407 & MD5408).

Attachment 2 - Indian Point License Renewal Hearing File Index Deliberative Process Privilege, Supplement 50 - March 29, 2013

Certain documents otherwise subject to inclusion in the hearing file and mandatory disclosures for this proceeding have been determined by the NRC Staff to contain information subject to withholding from public disclosures as predecisional, deliberative information. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(b)(5), the Staff is providing this log to identify the following documents, withheld under the "deliberative process" privilege.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	
ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.)))	Docket Nos. 50-247-LR/286-LR
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DECLARATION OF JOHN W. LUBINSKI

I, John W. Lubinski, do hereby state as follows:

- 1. I am employed as the Director of the Division of License Renewal ("DLR") in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's ("NRC") Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation ("NRR"). My supervisory responsibilities include oversight of the NRC Staff's review and evaluation of the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3 license renewal application.
- 2. As part of their responsibilities in updating the hearing file and mandatory disclosures for these proceedings, NRC staff members under my supervision identified documents as privileged because they contained information concerning the Staff's predecisional deliberative process. The documents are listed in Attachment 2 to the submission of the Staff's Hearing File Index Supplement 50.
- 3. I have personally reviewed the documents identified as privileged in

 Attachment 2, and have determined, in accordance with the guidance set forth in Management

 Directive 3.4, that they contain pre-decisional information concerning the Staff's review of the

 license renewal application. The documents contain either the Staff's analyses,

 recommendations, opinions, or evaluations, and may not necessarily reflect the final agency

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position with respect to the matters discussed therein. The documents comprise part of the

deliberative process necessary for the Staff's review of the pending license renewal application.

4. Further, I have determined that disclosure of the documents could result in harm

to the agency, in that it would (a) prematurely disclose the preliminary views of individual Staff

members and/or the Staff prior to reaching a final agency decision, and could thus create

confusion as to the actual policy or views of the NRC Staff; (b) hinder the efficiency of the Staff,

in that forced disclosure of its internal discussions on an unresolved issue would tend to chill all

future deliberations and would interfere with the Staff's ability to engage in a free exchange of

opinions and analyses prior to publishing its final review documents; and (c) imply or suggest

incorrectly that the opinions of the Staff members involved in these communications are actually

the final decisions of the agency, while no such final decision has yet been made.

5. Accordingly, I formally invoke the deliberative process privilege with respect to

the documents listed in Attachment 2 to the submission of the Staff's Hearing File Index

Supplement 50.

6. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best

of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed in Accord with 10 CFR 2.304(d)

John W. Lubinski

Executed in Rockville, Maryland this 29th day of March, 2013

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AFFIDAVIT OF KIMBERLY J. GREEN CONCERNING MANDATORY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT OF 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(b)

I, Kimberly J. Green, do hereby state as follows:

- 1. I am employed as a Senior Mechanical Engineer in the Division of License Renewal in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's ("NRC") Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. I serve as the hearing file project manager for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3 license renewal application ("LRA"). Among other things, I am assisting with the preparation of the hearing file and mandatory disclosures in connection with the LRA at issue in this proceeding.
- 2. I hereby certify that all relevant materials required to be disclosed pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.336 (b) and (c) in the captioned proceeding have been disclosed, and that the disclosures are accurate and complete for documents identified as of March 25, 2013.
- 3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed in Accord with 10 CFR 2.304(d) Kimberly J. Green

Executed in Rockville, Maryland this 27th day of March, 2013

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(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3)))

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R § 2.305 (revised), I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Letter to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board regarding the Indian Point Hearing File, including: Attachment 1 - Indian Point License Renewal Hearing File Index Supplement 50, Attachment 2 – Indian Point License Renewal Hearing File Index Supplement 50 – Deliberative Process Privilege, Declaration of John W. Lubinski, dated March 29, 2013, and Affidavit of Kimberly J. Green, dated March 27, 2013, in the above-captioned proceeding have been served upon the Electronic Information Exchange, the NRC's E-Filing System, this 29th day of March, 2013.

Signed (electronically) by

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