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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

**Docket:**        *Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3), Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR*

**RE:**            **Entergy's Response to Order Requesting Information for Possible November 2015 Evidentiary Hearing**

Dear Administrative Judges:

This letter provides Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.'s ("Entergy") response to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's ("Board") March 31, 2015 order ("Order") requesting information from the parties for the purpose of planning a possible evidentiary hearing in Tarrytown, New York.

Item (1) in the Order requests input regarding "[t]he availability of each party's representatives during the weeks of November 16 and 30." The availability of Entergy's representatives is as follows:

Week of November 16: On March 4, 2015, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Staff published its Inspection/Activity Plan for Indian Point. In accordance with that Inspection Plan, the Staff has scheduled an Indian Point Unit 3 License Renewal Commitment Inspection for the week of November 16, 2015. Nelson Azevedo, an Entergy testifying witness on all Track 2 contentions, is expected to provide substantial support for that inspection and is, therefore, unavailable for hearing that week. Other Entergy witnesses and representatives are currently available during the week of November 16, 2015.

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Week of November 30: Jack Strosnider, an Entergy witness on all Track 2 contentions, is unavailable November 30th and December 1st due to a previously-scheduled professional commitment. Additionally, Mark Gray, an Entergy witness on all Track 2 contentions, is unavailable November 30th to December 2nd due to previously-scheduled vacation plans. Other Entergy witnesses and representatives are currently available during the week of November 30, 2015.

Entergy recognizes that the above witness availability restrictions may pose challenges to scheduling the Track 2 hearings on the dates proposed by the Board in the Order. In anticipation that the Board may wish to maintain November 16 as the start date for the Track 2 hearings, Entergy is inquiring into the possible rescheduling of the License Renewal Commitment Inspection to an earlier date. If such rescheduling is possible, then the evidentiary hearing could be held November 16-20, as originally proposed. Hearings could then resume, as necessary, on December 3 or, alternatively, the week of December 7, 2015 (to accommodate the unavailability of Mr. Strosnider and Mr. Gray). We will update the Board on the Inspection schedule once further information is available.

If NRC is unable to reschedule the License Renewal Commitment Inspection, Entergy respectfully suggests an alternative is to reschedule the hearing for the week of December 7, 2015, continuing into the following week as necessary. If the Board wishes to explore this option, however, Entergy would have to confirm witness availability for the week of December 14.

Item (2) in the Order requests input regarding “[t]he number of representatives each party intends to have present at its table.” Entergy anticipates that four people will be present at its table during the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

*Executed in accord with 10 C.F.R. § 2.304(d)*

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	)	50-286-LR
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	)	
(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3)	)	
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.305, I certify that, on this date, a copy of Entergy's letter to the Administrative Judges was served upon the Electronic Information Exchange (the NRC's E-Filing System), in the above-captioned proceeding.

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