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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: **Update Regarding Availability of Entergy Witnesses for November 2015 Evidentiary Hearing**

Dear Administrative Judges:

On April 9, 2015, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (“Entergy”) responded to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board’s (“Board”) March 31, 2015 Order inquiring about the availability of each party’s representatives during the weeks of November 16 and 30, 2015, for an evidentiary hearing on the Track 2 contentions. As pertinent here, Entergy stated that Mr. Nelson Azevedo, an Entergy testifying witness on all Track 2 contentions, was unavailable the week of November 16, 2015, due to the need for his presence during the NRC’s Indian Point Unit 3 (“IP3”) License Renewal Commitment Inspection originally scheduled for that same week. Entergy further stated that it would discuss with the NRC Staff the possibility of rescheduling that inspection for an earlier date and update the Board upon acquiring further information from the Staff.

Yesterday morning, the Board’s Law Clerk, Ms. Alana Wase, contacted the parties via e-mail and inquired about their availability for a conference call on April 20 or 21, 2015. She stated that the Board wished to discuss the status of Entergy’s efforts to reschedule the IP3 License Renewal Commitment Inspection and other potential means to mitigate the scheduling conflict associated with Mr. Azevedo’s necessary involvement in that inspection. Entergy is pleased to report that yesterday afternoon, Mr. Melvin Gray, Chief, Engineering Branch I, Division of Reactor Safety, NRC Region I, informed Entergy representatives that the NRC Staff has agreed to reschedule the

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aforementioned inspection. Accordingly, Mr. Azevedo will be available for any hearing conducted during the week of November 16, 2015.

If the Board still wishes to hold a conference call next Monday or Tuesday, then Entergy counsel is available anytime on Monday, April 20th, except for 12:00 to 2:00 pm EDT (due to a client meeting), and before 12:00 pm EDT on Tuesday, April 21st. Counsel is unavailable on Tuesday afternoon due to another client meeting that cannot be rescheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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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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