

The Legislature of Rockland County



August 4, 2015

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RE: REQUEST FOR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC HEARING VENUES FOR ALL HEARINGS ON INDIAN POINT LICENSE AMENDMENTS

Dear Atomic Safety and Licensing Review Board Panel:

In light of the proposed amendments by the Entergy Corporation, owner and operator of Indian Point 2 and 3, for Indian Point 2's license, which expired in September 2013; and for Indian Point 3's license, which expires on December 31, 2015, we the undersigned members of the Rockland County Legislature request that any further hearings on any proposed amendments to Indian Point's licenses, both current and expired should be held in White Plains, New York, not Washington, DC, as is the case at this time.

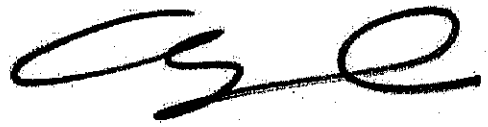
Currently three proposed license amendments are already being considered by the ASLB, that would, if granted:

- Defer inspections of the reactor vessel head for 10 years due to lack of necessary "coupons" to test embrittlement;
- Postpone problems with control rods, known to be misaligned, until March 2016;
- Delay frequency of inspections of steam generator tubes.

These existing amendments along with any other proposed amendments, significantly change the already expired operating license and apparently reduce safety margins. These amendments, if granted appear to pose a danger to the public health and safety of thousands of Rocklanders. At the very least, the proceedings regarding these amendments should be held at locations that are easily accessible to those most directly affected by the decisions of the ASLB. Even in cases where the public can not testify, the ASLB Panel should be able to see the people whom these decisions will impact.


We therefore ask that you kindly approve and require a venue where those individuals and families directly affected by a possible accident at Indian Point can easily get to. An obvious choice would be White Plains, NY, where Entergy maintains its corporate offices and is the county seat of Westchester, the largest county in the Emergency Planning Zone. For the NRC to provide a phone line for the public to listen in is no substitute for direct, in-person public access. We appreciate your consideration of our request. If the Legislature of Rockland County can be of further assistance please feel free to contact us.

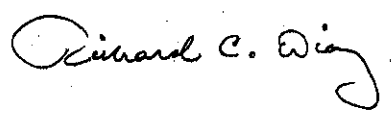
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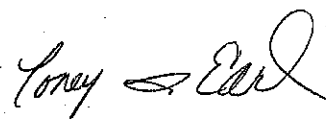



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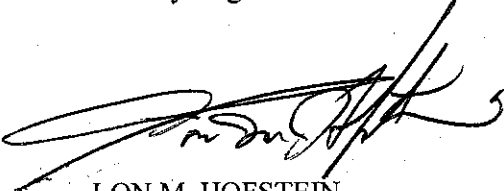

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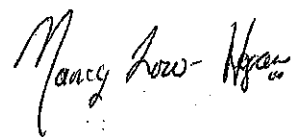

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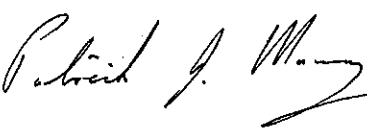

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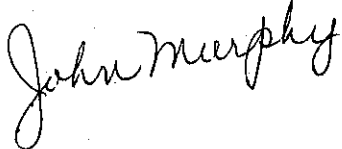

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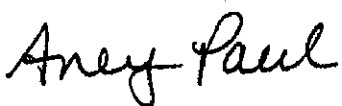

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