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Licensing Board to Hold Evidentiary Hearing Beginning on Nov. 16 in Tarrytown, N.Y., on Indian Point License Renewal Contentions

A three-judge Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) will conduct an evidentiary hearing starting Monday, Nov. 16, regarding three safety-related challenges to the Indian Point nuclear power plant's license renewal application. Entergy, which owns and operates the Buchanan (Westchester County), N.Y., plant, is seeking 20-year extensions of the operating licenses for Indian Point Units 2 and 3.

The hearing will take place at the [DoubleTree Hotel](#), at 455 South Broadway in Tarrytown, N.Y. It will begin at noon on Nov. 16, with the start time for the subsequent days to be announced at the hearing.

The issues to be considered have been raised by New York State and Riverkeeper Inc. The subjects include:

- Whether Entergy's license renewal application is deficient because it fails to include an adequate aging management program for embrittlement of the reactor pressure vessels and the associated internals;
- Whether the application is deficient because it fails to include an adequate aging management program for metal fatigue on key reactor components; and
- Whether the application is deficient because the company fails to demonstrate that it has a program that will manage the effects of aging of several critical components or systems.

During the evidentiary hearing, there will be testimony by expert witnesses representing the challengers, Entergy and the NRC staff. The ASLB will rule on the issues at a later date. This proceeding will differ from a typical court proceeding in that the parties have pre-filed their direct testimony and exhibits. Specifically, the hearing will be a forum in which the judges will ask questions of the parties' witnesses in order to clarify the testimony and exhibits they have already reviewed.

All members of the public will be screened by security prior to being granted entry into the hearing room. In order to facilitate entry, individuals wishing to attend the hearing are urged not to bring unnecessary items to the proceeding.

The ASLB previously conducted a hearing at the same location in the fall of 2012 on safety and environmental contentions identified as “Track 1” issues. The hearing scheduled to begin on Nov. 16 will involve safety contentions identified as “Track 2” issues that were not dealt with during that earlier proceeding.

Entergy submitted its application for a 20-year extension of the Indian Point operating license on April 30, 2007. The initial 40-year operating license for Indian Point Unit 2 expired on Sept. 28, 2013, while the license for Indian Point Unit 3 is set to expire on Dec. 12, 2015. However, those initial licenses will remain in effect until the Commission has issued a final ruling on the renewal application.