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In the Matter of  
ENERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.  
(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3)  
Docket Nos. 50-247-LR/286-LR

Dear Administrative Judges:

The NRC Staff ("Staff") wishes to inform the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") and parties that the Staff has published its draft second supplement (Volume 5) to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ("FSEIS") for license renewal of Indian Point Units 2 and 3.<sup>1</sup>

As indicated in the Staff's previous status reports in this proceeding, Draft FSEIS Supplement 2 addresses new information received by the Staff since issuance of the previous FSEIS Supplement (FSEIS Vol. 4) in June 2013, including Entergy's revised engineering project cost information for severe accident mitigation alternatives ("SAMAs"); Entergy's submittal of new aquatic impact information; the June 2013 revision of 10 C.F.R. Part 51, Table B-1, and the Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("GEIS") for license renewal; the September 2014 amendment of 10 C.F.R. § 51.23(b) regarding the continued storage of spent nuclear fuel; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's listing of the northern long-eared bat as an threatened species; and other matters. Draft FSEIS Supplement 2 is available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System ("ADAMS") at ADAMS Accession No. ML15351A422.

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<sup>1</sup> "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 38 Regarding Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3, Draft Report for Comment," NUREG-1437, Supplement 38, Vol. 5 (Dec. 2015) ("Draft FSEIS Supplement 2").

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Copies of FSEIS Supplement 2 are being provided, separately, to members of the Board, the Board's law clerks, and each of the parties.

The Staff has prepared a Notice of Availability which will be published in the *Federal Register* shortly. A copy of the Notice of Availability that was transmitted for publication is available in ADAMS at Accession No. ML15329A082. As indicated in the Notice of Availability, public comments on the Draft FSEIS Supplement are due on March 4, 2016. Following its evaluation of the comments received, the Staff expects to issue Final FSEIS Supplement 2 in September 2016.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sherwin E. Turk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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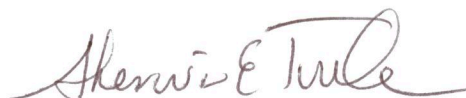
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R § 2.305 (as revised), I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing letter from Sherwin E. Turk to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, dated December 22, 2015, have been served upon the Electronic Information Exchange (the NRC's E-Filing System), in the above- captioned proceeding, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2015.



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