

January 21, 2016

The Honorable Sandy Galef
New York State Assembly
Ossining, NY 10562

Dear Ms. Galef:

I am responding to your letter of December 28, 2015, co-signed by Assemblymen David Buchwald and Thomas Abinanti, on the proposed natural gas pipeline project in the vicinity of the Indian Point Energy Center. The letter also requested a meeting with Mr. Richard Kuprewicz, President of Accufacts, Inc., to discuss the issue of pipeline safety and some of his concerns and recommendations.

I have personally read through a substantial volume of correspondence and met with a wide range of stakeholders, including you and other local officials on December 7, 2015. I benefited from hearing your and other's views at that meeting, and I recognize that there remain some significant differences of opinion regarding how the pipeline project may impact the safety of Indian Point. However, I remain confident that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has conducted a thorough analysis of the impacts of this project on the Indian Point facility in determining that a potential rupture of the proposed pipeline would pose no threat to the safe operation or the safe shutdown of the facility.

While I remain assured that the NRC staff's analysis bounds any impact that would occur following a rupture of the proposed gas pipeline, the NRC staff has made arrangements to meet with Mr. Kuprewicz on February 2, 2016, for an exchange of technical information. In addition to discussing the NRC staff's analysis, we have reached out to Mr. Kuprewicz to inform him that we are particularly interested in discussing his calculations and data, and to obtain, in advance, any related material he would like to provide to support the discussion.

I appreciate your input on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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