

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
Dr. Michael F. Kennedy
Dr. Richard E. Wardwell

In the Matter of

ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.

(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3)

Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR

ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01

April 1, 2016

ORDER

(Adopting Joint Motion for Track 2 Hearing Schedule Deferral)

On March 29, 2016, Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc. (Entergy) notified the Licensing Board of recent developments potentially relevant to the Track 2 proceeding.¹ During the maintenance outage that commenced on March 7, 2016, Entergy conducted visual and ultrasonic testing of the baffle-former assembly bolts in Indian Point Unit 2.² It was revealed that approximately one quarter of the baffle-former bolts show signs of degradation.³ Due to Entergy's findings, Entergy notified the Board of its intent to initiate consultations with the parties and its proposal that a joint motion be filed requesting an abeyance of the Track 2 proceedings for thirty days.⁴

¹ Letter from Counsel for Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., to Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman, Dr. Michael F. Kennedy, and Dr. Richard Wardwell, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Mar. 29, 2016).

² Id. at 1.

³ Id. at 1-2.

⁴ Id. at 2.

On March 30, 2016, the Joint Motion was filed with the Board.⁵ The Joint Motion requests that pending the availability of further information regarding Entergy's baffle-former bolt examination and proposed corrective actions, the Licensing Board defer for thirty-five days: (1) the filing of further evidentiary submissions, i.e. New York's supplemental reply testimony concerning the relevance, materiality, and reliability of six proposed exhibits,⁶ previously due April 1, 2016⁷; and (2) the scheduling of post-hearing findings.⁸ Additionally, the Joint Motion proposes that a status update be filed by the parties no later than May 6, 2016.⁹

The Board hereby grants the parties Joint Motion, the requested deferral is granted. The scheduling of the post-hearing filings and the filing of further evidentiary submissions is deferred for a minimum of thirty-five days and will be rescheduled by order of the Board. A status report shall be filed by the parties no later than May 6, 2016.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD

/RA/

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
April 1, 2016

⁵ Joint Motion for Track 2 Hearing Schedule Deferral (Mar. 30, 2016) (hereinafter Joint Motion).

⁶ See State of New York Motion for Leave to File Six Documents as Additional Exhibits (Feb. 5, 2016); Licensing Board Order (Requesting Expert Testimony on New York's Proposed Exhibits and Suspending Deadline for Filing Proposed Findings of Fact and Law) at 2 (Feb. 19, 2016) (unpublished).

⁷ See Licensing Board Order (Granting New York's Motion for Extension of Time) at 2 (Mar. 15, 2016) (unpublished).

⁸ Joint Motion at 5.

⁹ Id.

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