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	Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR
ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.	ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01
(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3)	May 10, 2016

ORDER
(Adopting Track 2 Hearing Schedule Deferral at Request of the Parties)

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, on March 30, 2016, the parties filed a Joint Motion with the Board, requesting that the Board defer for thirty-five days the Track 2 hearing schedule, including post-hearing

[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.

filings and evidentiary submissions.[4] The motion also proposed that a status update be filed by the parties no later than May 6, 2016.[5] The Board granted that motion on April 1.[6]

On May 6, 2016, the parties filed a Joint Status Report, requesting an additional deferral of thirty-two days, and submission of a second status report to be filed no later than June 7, 2016.[7] The parties stated that this deferral will allow Entergy to continue replacement of degraded baffle-former bolts at Indian Point Unit 2, as well as to finalize reports and analyses of the baffle-former bolt issue, including a root cause analysis and related technical analyses.[8] Additionally, the parties stated that the NRC Staff will use this time to complete its own independent inspections and reviews of the baffle-former bolt issue.[9]

Finding good cause for the parties' request, the Board hereby grants the additional deferral. The scheduling of the post-hearing filings and the filing of further evidentiary submissions is deferred and will be rescheduled by order of the Board. Additionally, a second status report shall be filed by the parties no later than June 7, 2016.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD

/RA/

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
May 10, 2016

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[4] Joint Motion for Track 2 Hearing Schedule Deferral (Mar. 30, 2016) at 5.

[5] Id.

[6] Order (Adopting Joint Motion for Track 2 Hearing Schedule Deferral) (Apr. 1, 2016) (unpublished).

[7] Joint Status Report Regarding Track 2 Schedule Deferral (May 6, 2016) at 1.

[8] Id. at 2.

[9] Id.

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