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Re: **Entergy/Indian Point: Impingement Monitoring Plan for Sturgeon**

Dear Ms. Damon-Randall:

Enclosed for approval is the revised monitoring plan entitled, *"Proposed Monitoring Plan for Indian Point Energy Center Take of Atlantic and Shortnose Sturgeon by Impingement at Cooling Water Intakes, Revision 4"* (the "Plan"). I am sending the Plan to you by email on behalf of Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. ("Entergy") Indian Point Energy Center ("IPEC"). The Plan reflects changes made to accommodate your agency's review received by Entergy to date.

On January 5, 2017, New York State and Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 2, LLC, Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 3, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (collectively, Entergy) announced that it planned to cease operations at Indian Point Unit 2 (IP2) in 2020 and at Indian Point Unit 3 (IP3) in 2021 (subject to limited extension under certain specified electric system reliability criteria) pursuant to an agreement reached with, among others, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and a Riverkeeper, Inc. consortium. That early retirement further supports moving directly to monitoring as described in the enclosed Plan.

We look forward to your approval of the Plan and the onset of sturgeon monitoring at IPEC. If you have any questions regarding the Plan, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Dara Gray of IPEC or me.

Sincerely,

**NORMANDEAU ASSOCIATES, INC.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark T. Mattson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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