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February 26, 2020

SECRETARY

Benjamin Boykin, Chairman Legislator, 5th District Westchester County Board of Legislators 800 Michaelian Office Building 148 Martine Avenue White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Chairman Boykin:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of February 7, 2020, addressed to Chairman Svinicki regarding the Indian Point Energy Center license transfer request from Entergy and Holtec (Docket Nos. 50-003, 50-247, 50-286 and 72-051; NRC-2020-0021). Your letter expresses support for the NRC to hold a hearing on the license transfer application should the State of New York and Riverkeeper request a hearing.

Because the NRC received requests for hearing on the matter, your letter bears on what is now a contested adjudication before the Commission and it would be inappropriate for the Chairman to discuss the matter at this time. This is because the Commission must remain impartial during the pendency of the adjudication. The hearing requests and arguments made concerning the timing of a hearing will be considered in accordance with the agency's procedures.

Finally, your letter requests an extension of the 30-day public comment period on the proposed license transfer. The NRC staff has decided to extend the comment period for an additional 30 days, until March 25, 2020. A notice of this extension was published in the *Federal Register* on February 19, 2020.

A copy of your letter and this response will be served on the participants in the Indian Point license transfer proceeding.

Sincerely,

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