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The Honorable Millicent Fenwick United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Fenwick:

Your letter of October 14, 1982, has been referred to me for a response. In your letter you urge that the concerns of your constituents be addressed fully in the hearings relating to the Indian Point facilities.

By Order of January 8, 1981, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission posed seven questions to be addressed in a trial-type proceeding of an investigative nature. A copy of this Order is attached for your information. On September 18, 1981, the Commission appointed an adjudicatory Board to conduct this proceeding.

Petitions for leave to intervene were filed by nine organizations, a number of which are made up of citizens living in the vicinity of the Indian Point plants. In addition, six governmental units requested permission to participate in the proceeding as interested states. All of the petitions for leave to intervene and the requests for interested state status were granted by the Licensing Board.

Hearings began in June of 1982. In addition to formal hearings, the Licensing Board has conducted special sessions to hear statements of members of the public who do not wish to participate as intervenors in the proceeding but who have concerns which they wish to present to the Board. The Board has also received a number of written statements for inclusion in the record. Given the breadth of the Commission's questions, and the large amount of public and governmental participation in this proceeding, I believe that the concerns of the population in areas surrounding Indian Point will be brought before the Licensing Board. The Board and the Commission will make every attempt to address these concerns fully and fairly in the course of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

(Signed) William J. Dircks

William J. Dircks Executive Director for Operations

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October 14, 1982

Mr. Harold Denton
Director, Office of Nuclear
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Denton:

Several of my constituents have expressed their concerns about the NRC hearings on Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant. I would like to pass along the concerns of my constituents and urge that the NRC conduct a fair and full consideration of the issues of concern to the community, especially to the residents of Northern New Jersey.

With all good wishes,

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MILLICENT FENWICK Member of Congress

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