US Nuclear Regulatory Commission By Electronic Transmission: <u>Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov</u> Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Request for Hearing on Indian Point License Transfer, NRC-2020-0021

Dear Members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

I am writing as a resident of New York City, only 25 miles from the hazardous radioactive waste piled up alongside the Hudson River at the Indian Point nuclear reactors, to request that you be sure to hold an adjudicatory hearing on the proposed license of the sale by the Entergy Corporation of the Indian Point facility to the Holtec Corporation. It would be a violation of the public trust to permit the transfer of the decommissioning process for Indian Point from the current owner, Entergy, to the Holtec corporation with its sorry history of fraudulent action, including being banned from doing business with the World Bank for 10 years, and its disgraceful pattern of walking out of and abandoning other decommissioning jobs it had promised to perform.

Holtec also has a huge conflict of interest in insisting on using its inadequate, leaky, cracked storage canisters for the tons of lethally toxic nuclear waste stored in fuel pools at Indian Point, when there are much more safely designed models, such as casks manufactured by the Castor company, that are used for example, in Germany which has phased out all of its nuclear power reactors.

Holtec's structure of a series of shell corporations that it has set up to deal with the issue, may leave the community and New York State holding the bag for unanticipated costs in dealing with the wake of closing a nuclear reactor in a community where as many as 25 million people in the New York City metropolitan area may be threatened by poor and inadequate management leading to catastrophic releases of radioactivity. As it is, Holtec's current proposal fails to even address the dangerous gas pipeline that runs as close as 400 yards from the control room of the nuclear plant, or to deal with the remediation of the leaking radiation over the years into the water supply and under the reactors.

With such hazardous risks involved in allowing Holtec to perform the decommissioning, it is critical that the pubic be invited to comment and that there be a well ordered, and judicious hearing about the suitability of putting this highly dangerous process into the hands of a known violator of essential safety procedures for such an enormous undertaking, that may cause perilous consequences to millions of people.

It is essential that the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission hold a hearing with the Indian Point community to determine the best and safest process for closing down and decommissioning

Indian Point. Thank you for your critical consideration.

Sincerely,

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