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The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo
Governor of New York
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

This is in response to your recent letter regarding Indian Point. The Commission is encouraged by your statement that New York State, on an interim basis, is prepared to commit resources and to work with the licensees and the affected local governments to implement the offsite emergency preparedness plan for the Indian Point facilities.

The events at Indian Point have raised questions about the interaction of Federal, State, and local governments in the matter of offsite emergency preparedness for nuclear power plants. The actions taken with regard to these questions will undoubtedly have impacts beyond this particular case. While we are not prepared to endorse or commit to any specific Federal initiative, we share your interest in clarifying the issues regarding various governmental responsibilities. We will of course participate in Congressional hearings on these questions and will provide to Congress our views on approaches to a solution.

We commend you for your efforts in helping to resolve problems regarding offsite emergency planning and preparedness. The Commission looks forward to working with you in addressing these problems in New York State.

Sincerely,

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