

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
Dr. Kaye D. Lathrop
Dr. Richard E. Wardwell

In the Matter of

ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.

(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3)

Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR

ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01

February 16, 2012

ORDER

(Granting NRC Staff's Unopposed Time Extension Motion
and Directing Filing of Status Updates)

The NRC Staff has sought an extension of the time within which it may file its evidentiary submissions from February 29, 2012, to March 30, 2012.¹ The NRC Staff's request is unopposed, and it represents that Applicant Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Entergy) has asked that it be covered by any time extension granted to the NRC Staff.²

Because its request is unopposed, we grant the NRC Staff's Motion. Entergy and the NRC Staff shall file their respective evidentiary submissions no later than March 30, 2012.

In granting the NRC Staff's Motion, we note that this request yet again disrupts the schedule we have set in this proceeding, especially given that we have been on the critical path to evidentiary hearing for several months. For example, over one month after Intervenor presented testimony on a majority of the contentions in this proceeding, the NRC Staff notified the Board of unresolved safety issues relating to one contention for which Intervenor submitted testimony, Contention NYS-25. In addition, the NRC Staff states that because of this ongoing

¹ NRC Staff's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time for the Filing of Testimony, Exhibits and Statements of Position (Feb. 2, 2012) at 1.

² Id. at 4.

review, it might issue a second supplement to its Safety Evaluation Report for Indian Point Units 2 and 3.³

Because of the current dynamic nature of the NRC Staff's uncompleted safety reviews, we place Contention NYS-25 on the second hearing track that already includes NYS-38/RK-TC-5 and RK-EC-8.⁴ In order to be timely and fully informed as to the status of ongoing NRC Staff reviews and to be able to set a schedule in the future for an evidentiary hearing on this second hearing track, we direct the NRC Staff to notify the Board as soon as any event with potential to alter the schedule arises. Additionally, the NRC Staff shall submit status updates on the first business day of each month stating the expected completion date of the NRC Staff's ongoing safety and environmental reviews, the nature of the issues addressed by these reviews, and any other unresolved aspect of the NRC Staff's review of Entergy's License Renewal Application for Indian Point Units 2 and 3.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD

/RA/

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
February 16, 2012

³ See Letter from Sherwin E. Turk & Brian G. Harris, Counsel for NRC Staff, to Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Jan. 27, 2012) at 1.

⁴ We have already placed Contentions NYS-38/RK-TC-5 and RK-EC-8 in abeyance pending resolution of disclosure disputes and the NRC Staff's anticipated draft supplement to its Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. See Licensing Board Order (Dec. 14, 2011) at 2 (unpublished).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing ORDER (Granting NRC Staff's Unopposed Time Extension Motion and Directing Filing of Status Updates) have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange.

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