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Chairman Richard A. Meserve Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

## Dear Chairman Meserve:

My purpose in contacting you relates to concerns expressed to me by local officials about the apparent delay in notification regarding the incident at Indian Point 2 on February 15 which resulted in an emergency alert.

It is my understanding that local officials in Buchanan and in several other communities surrounding the plant were not notified for a several hours following the incident. Clearly, an event of this nature would require that all available information be provided to local leaders quickly in order to best ensure the safety of the community. I would appreciate your assistance in providing my office with information regarding the procedures in place for notifying the communities surrounding Indian Point 2 in the case of an accident, as well as a report on the extent to which those procedures were followed Tuesday evening.

Your prompt response to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely.

Sue Kelly

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