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 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

RE: Indian Point Units 2 and 3 License Renewal Application, NRC Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR, ALSB No. 07-85803-LR-BD01

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the working men and women of the New York State Building & Construction Trades Council, I am writing to request the relicensing of Indian Point Energy Center. We understand the Commission's need to thoroughly investigate all possible issues, but we believe the facts demonstrate that relicensing is the only option that makes sense after considering all environmental, safety, and economic perspectives.

The Charles River study commissioned by the City of New York highlighted the negative environmental effects that would result from plant closure. The city and state would realize a 15% increase in carbon emissions and a 7% increase in nitrous oxide emissions as a result of the alternative energy options that would be required to meet energy demands. To the contrary, Indian Point produces clean, green energy with virtually no greenhouse gas emissions.

Furthermore, Entergy has made workplace safety an absolute priority, investing almost \$1 billion to upgrade and strengthen its safety systems in recent years. This commitment to safety is further evidenced by consistently high safety ratings and their extensive re-training of reactor operators every fifth week on the job.

One of the most compelling reasons to relicense Indian Point, however, relates to the enormous economic benefits that will be realized. Producing clean, green energy at Indian Point over the next twenty years will require over 44 million man-hours of work for building trades members who will earn more than \$1.8 billion. These are substantial numbers that translate into New Yorkers putting food on their tables, paying their mortgages and taxes, and reinvesting in their communities. The alternative ~ plant closure ~ would not only mean the loss of those jobs, incomes and tax revenues, but it also means we will become dependent on other states or Canada for our energy needs, and that is just not a viable option.

For these reasons, the NYS Building & Construction Trades Council is requesting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to relicense Indian Point.

Sincerely,

James Cahill
 President

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