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Re: Indian Point Units 2 and 3 License Renewal Application
 NRC Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR
 ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01

Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Maria Mercado and I am the President and CEO of M & M Advertising. I am writing to you because the NRC is considering numerous issues in connection with the license renewal application for the Indian Point Energy Center, including the potential for alternative energy sources.

New York City businesses and entrepreneurs rely on the safe, clean and affordable power Indian Point produces. In fact, as much as 40% of our power, used for everything from our schools, hospitals and businesses, comes from Indian Point. That is why we must ensure that Indian Point is kept open and not allow electricity bills to increase for families and businesses.

NYC is just coming out of a recession and many small businesses and community organizations are struggling just to get by. Without Indian Point it is estimated that the average New York City business will have to pay 5 to 10 percent more annually for their electricity. This is simply an unaffordable cost.

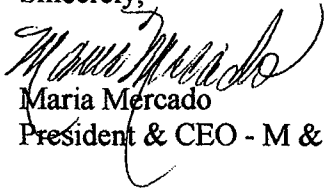
As it is, New York City's air quality is bad enough, with the City continually being identified by the Environmental Protection Agency as out of compliance with federal clean air standards. Indian Point's operation ensures that our children are not breathing more of the dirty, polluted air released by conventional power plants. Therefore, the continued operation of Indian Point has a direct and significant impact on our health. Recognizing that the operation of Indian Point does not release greenhouse gases or other hazardous pollutants it simply doesn't make sense to shut down the area's largest source of clean energy.

Over the years, various alternative energy sources have been proposed to replace the Indian Point Energy Center, but none of them are an acceptable substitute. Each potential alternative source that is capable of replacing the Indian Point Energy Center either fails the affordability test or the

health test. New York's small business need more power plants that produce clean and affordable power, not fewer. Therefore, I urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Atomic Safety Licensing Board to renew Indian Point's operating license.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



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