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Office of the Secretary
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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:

I am Major Owens, a retired Congressman who served in the House of Representatives from 1983-2007. I am writing to express my support for the licensing of Indian Point Units 2 and 3 in Buchanan, NY. It is my understanding that the NRC is considering numerous issues in connection with the license renewal application. Among these ancillary issues the probability that the closing of Indian Point will lead to higher electric bills that adversely impact on my low-income community of Central Brooklyn is of paramount importance. Like most black communities in America we have experienced a loss of fifty percent of our wealth since the recession began in 2008, and the record will show that payments to keep the lights on are a serious problem in many households. Statistics also show that the high childhood asthma rates in New York City are concentrated in the low-income neighborhoods and pollution caused by fossil fuels would greatly increase the risks. I hope that these matters will be assigned a high priority in your deliberations.

Indian Point is an important part of the New York State energy portfolio because it provides base load energy with virtually no greenhouse gas emissions. I am concerned about global warming and its effect on the environment in general, as well as its effect on low-income communities in our area. In addition, if Indian Point were closed and replaced with fossil-fuel alternatives, air quality in the New York City area would be worse.

Leaders in my community are aware of all of the environmental justice concerns and we strongly recommend that the Commission and the Nuclear Power Industry increase their information and education efforts among our constituents. Considering the fact that clean alternative energy sources are still in an embryonic stage our present consensus is that the NRC should renew the license for Indian Point.

Your consideration of my comments would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours

Major R. Owens

Cc: Administrative Judge Lawrence G. McDade
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Subject: Indian Point Units 2 and 3 License Renewal Application
Attachments: Indian Point Units 2 and 3 License Renewal Application.pdf

Good day, please see letter in attachment.
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Regards

Hon. Major R. Owens