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Re: Economic Impact of 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 Secretary:

I am Marissa Brett, Executive Director of Economic Development with The Westchester County Association, which represents approximately 500+ companies, ranging from professional/entrepreneurs to multi-national companies with over 300,000 employees in Westchester County. I am writing to urge your board's approval for license renewal of Indian Point Units 2 and 3 in Buchanan, New York. Indian Point Energy Center serves as an economic driver for the communities which surround the plant. It has been and still remains a vital contributor to the region's expanding population and continued rise in local land values.

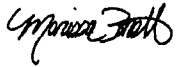
Energy and economic development are inherently linked. Businesses take electric rates into account when looking at their bottom lines and what their operating expenses are going to be for the next year. High power costs will affect a business' ability to continue operating. Numerous studies show that without Indian Point, there would be a significant rise in electricity prices in New York. Sky-high electricity prices would force many business owners to close or relocate to less expensive areas of the state, or even out of state. Further, according to the New York Independent System Operator, without Indian Point, electric reliability would be degraded to the point that there would likely be brownouts and blackouts. This scenario would place public safety in jeopardy.

Major electric service disruptions and exponential increases in electricity rates would affect my members' bottom lines. It would result in layoffs and a lack of new hires. Some might be forced to relocate their businesses elsewhere. This would result in an exodus of business, residents, and the loss of associated capital would have serious negative implications for the local tax base and on property values.

Indian Point has an annual economic impact of \$1 billion on New York State's economy. It plays a significant role in driving economic development and population growth in the region and is vital to the maintenance of land values in communities near the plant. Those values would surely decrease if the facility were closed. I encourage you to renew the license for Indian Point.

Thank you for your time and considering my comments on this issue.

Sincerely,



Executive Director of Economic Development

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