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July 18, 2013

The Honorable Jeffrey C. Cohen
New York State Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: Straw Proposal for Indian Point Shutdown Regulated Reliability Cost Allocation and Cost Recovery

Dear Secretary Cohen:

As Supervisor of a municipality in the region surrounding Indian Point, I urge you to withdraw the contingency plan and the plan's "Straw Proposal" cost recovery. The consequences of this ill-advised policy will worsen the current fiscal stress that local governments currently face, and transfer unnecessary cost burdens to ratepayers in the region.

Energy costs play a critical role in assisting government in attracting businesses and homeowners to the area. New York electric rates are some of the highest in the nation. Causing them to rise further will invariably chase businesses away, increase unemployment, and add further burdens to homeowners. This scenario further constrains local government's ability to deliver basic essential services including police, fire, and sanitation as we are running out of revenue.

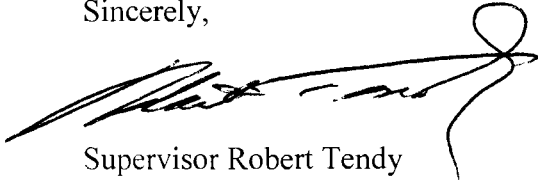
The \$811 million price tag for the contingency plan will fall on ratepayers – taxpayers. This poor energy policy would satisfy a small but well-funded minority of environmental activists who have been trying to close Indian Point for years. The fact is that the majority of people know that Indian Point is safe and want it to continue to operate. The "Straw Proposal" inexorably favors private interests and offers no protections for ratepayers to get a refund on projects that are not necessary. To isolate the entire cost on downstate ratepayers will only make the fiscal crisis facing local government more extreme.

Any cursory glance at any newspaper; or an appearance at any town board budget discussion will reveal an ever increasing tax burden on residents to the point where residents are leaving the

region. Further costs imposed on our residents will further the exodus and the dismay at the cost of living in our local towns and cities. Whether the money to pay for the replacement projects comes from the left pocket or right pocket, it is still the same jacket.

The Indian Point replacement plan and "Straw Proposal" is not a priority as it unfairly adds an additional burden to ratepayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Tendy", with a large, stylized loop at the end of the signature.

Supervisor Robert Tendy
Town of Putnam Valley