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For Immediate Release
January 6, 2017

RE: Supervisor Linda Puglisi Calls Upon Governor Cuomo to Immediately Form a Blue Ribbon Commission Regarding the Closure of Indian Point

The Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Buchanan are the host municipalities for Entergy's (Indian Point) two operating nuclear reactors (II and III). The first nuclear plant (I) has been closed for over two decades.

I learned today only from a New York Times article entitled "Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant to Close": that these plants will close in 2020 and 2021. As the elected Town Supervisor where this major industry is located Cortlandt and Buchanan should not have heard about this major news from a newspaper article. We should have been notified as a courtesy prior to this public announcement.

Whether the nuclear plants are closed, open or another source of energy takes its place there are many issues that need to be addressed and resolved:

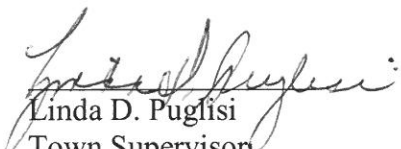
1. The economics of this plant:
 - Jobs – at least 1,200
 - Contractor's jobs add another 400 to 500 positions
 - Tax revenue to the Town, Village, Hendrick Hudson School District, a local Fire Department (that has these plants in their district), Westchester County and a local library
 - We recently passed PILOTS for long term tax stability
 - Area businesses that depend on the Indian Point workers to sustain their establishments will be impacted
 - The many grants from Entergy sponsoring local events need to be considered

2. The environmental issues related to closing two of the 103 nuclear plants in the United States.
 - Reclamation plans for the property
 - The wells on site
 - The Hudson River and estuaries nearby during and after the closure process
3. The Security of these plants if closed
 - Who will maintain the daily active monitoring of this facility
4. The reuse of this facility

In summary, I am calling upon Governor Andrew Cuomo to immediately form a Blue Ribbon Commission comprised of State officials, County and Local officials and key stakeholders to address all of my key points and others that may be raised.

A similar Commission was established when the General Motors Plant located in Tarrytown closed many years ago. The State (then Governor Mario Cuomo) worked with the County and the local government to plan for the closing and the loss of jobs and tax revenue.

The closure of Entergy's Indian Point reactors is even larger with more issues to discuss and therefore, a Commission needs to be established immediately. I volunteer my participation in this important endeavor. I am attaching a letter sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo's then secretary, Larry Schwartz, in the year 2011, asking for a Blue Ribbon Commission to be formed then because the Governor was publicly calling for the closure of Indian Point.


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Cc: Cortlandt Town Board
County Executive Rob Astorino
County Board of Legislators
Mayor Theresa Knickerbocker and trustees
Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter, Hendrick Hudson School District and School Board
New York State Senator Terrance Murphy
New York State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef
Debra Milone, Hudson Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
(attachments)

The New York Times | <http://nyti.ms/2i14p5T>

N.Y. / REGION

Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant to Close by 2021

By VIVIAN YEE and PATRICK MCGEEHAN JAN. 6, 2017

The Indian Point nuclear plant will shut down by April 2021 under an agreement New York State reached this week with Entergy, the utility company that owns the facility in Westchester County, according to a person with direct knowledge of the deal.

Under the terms of the agreement, one of the two nuclear reactors at Indian Point will permanently cease operations by April 2020, while the other must be closed by April 2021. The shutdown has been a long-held priority for Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, who — though supportive of upstate nuclear plants — has repeatedly called for shutting down Indian Point, which he says poses too great a risk to New York City, less than 30 miles to the south.

“Why you would allow Indian Point to continue to operate defies common sense, planning and basic sanity,” Mr. Cuomo told reporters in June.

Despite the political opposition to Indian Point, which is perched on the edge of the Hudson River in Buchanan, N.Y., the plant is a key supplier of inexpensive power to the metropolitan area. It has the capacity to generate more than 2,000 megawatts, or about one-fourth of the power consumed in New York City and Westchester County. The prospects for replacing that power are so far unclear, but potential options include hydropower from Quebec and power from wind farms already operating across New York, according to the person.

State officials believe the Entergy agreement will help convince renewable energy providers that the state is serious about looking for new sources of energy, the person said. But without a viable replacement source, ratepayers in New York City could be burdened with higher energy prices for years.

Entergy has agreed to make repairs and safety upgrades, including transferring spent fuel to what the state says is a safer storage system. The company will also allow safety inspections starting this year, bowing to longtime demands from the Cuomo administration; the office of the state attorney general, Eric T. Schneiderman; and Riverkeeper, the environmental nonprofit group, all of which participated in the deal.

In exchange, the state and Riverkeeper will drop safety and environmental claims against Indian Point they had previously filed with federal regulatory agencies.

Entergy, which is based in New Orleans, has been seeking a 20-year renewal of its license from the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission since 2007. But New York State officials have challenged that renewal on several fronts and have refused to grant permits that they say the plant needs to continue operating.

Jerry Nappi, a spokesman for Entergy in Westchester County, declined to comment.

Mr. Schneiderman's office has opposed Entergy's relicensing bid in the courts, arguing that the plant poses safety and environmental hazards to the surrounding area; the agreement calls for Mr. Schneiderman to drop that challenge.

Under the agreement with the state, Entergy has committed to applying for a six-year license renewal. The agreement may help clear the way for approval. The reactors' licenses expired in 2013 and 2015.

The agreement would also require Entergy to establish a new emergency operations center in the Dutchess County town of Fishkill, as well as to create a \$15 million fund to finance projects related to environmental protection and other community benefits. The company will be obligated to consult regularly with Riverkeeper and other local groups.

The agreement also provides for flexibility if the state cannot find a replacement for Indian Point's energy: The deadlines in 2020 and 2021 can be pushed to 2024 and 2025 if both the state and Entergy agree.

Negotiations between the company and the Cuomo administration began in early December, according to the person with direct knowledge of the agreement. It was set to be announced on Monday.

The agreement is reminiscent of one arranged by Mr. Cuomo's father, Gov. Mario Cuomo, in 1989. Mario Cuomo negotiated a decommissioning of the Shoreham nuclear power plant on Long Island, which was never put into service. Its owner, the Long Island Lighting Company, sold the plant to the state for \$1, but Long Island ratepayers were paying higher bills for years.

Correction: January 6, 2017

An earlier version of this article misstated the county where Fishkill, N.Y., is located. It is Dutchess County, not Westchester.

Linda Puglisi

From: Linda Puglisi
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 1:15 PM
To: 'larry.schwartz@exec.ny.gov'
Cc: ann(internet); Frank Farrell; John Sloan; Richard Becker; smurray@villageofbuchanan.com; administrator@villageofbuchanan.com; 'Daniel.McCann@HENHUDSCHOOLS.ORG'
Subject: A request to meet with Governor Cuomo to discuss Indian Point
Attachments: GovernorCuomoltr.pdf; responseGovernorCuomo.pdf; GovernorCuomoltr722.pdf; responseMatthewNelson729.pdf

Dear Secretary Larry Schwartz,

I have written to Governor Cuomo to request a meeting with him to discuss the serious issues regarding his position of closing Indian Point owned by Entergy.

As you know, this nuclear facility is located in the Town of Cortlandt/Village of Buchanan and there are many economic, safety and environmental issues that need to be discussed with the Governor if this plant is closed, as per his position.

Therefore, myself, the Superintendent and School Board President of Hendrick Hudson School District and the Village of Buchanan Mayor and/or his representative need to meet with Governor Cuomo, as soon as possible, to share with him our concerns.

I am attaching my previous letters to the Governor's office and the responses. I know that you are aware of these issues, having worked in Westchester County government for many years and I am hopeful that you will be able to coordinate a meeting with our group and the Governor within the next month.

Thank you very much and congratulations on your new position in New York State.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Hay, Village of Buchanan Administrator
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July 5, 2011

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

As Supervisor in the Town of Cortlandt, Westchester County, New York, I would like to request a meeting with you to discuss the future of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant. The plant is located in the Village of Buchanan, which is situated in the Town of Cortlandt. The issues surrounding the power plant are of great importance to myself, the Cortlandt Town Board, the Hendrick Hudson School District, the Village of Buchanan, as well as to our Town residents.

A representative of the Hendrick Hudson School District will also be present and perhaps an official of the Village of Buchanan. It is important for you to learn about the economic issues as you address the environmental and safety concerns, as well.

I thank you in advance for this opportunity to meet in the near future and discuss these important issues. Please contact my office at (914) 734-1002.

Sincerely,

Linda D. Puglisi
Town Supervisor

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Cc: Town of Cortlandt Board members



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ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

July 29, 2011

Honorable Linda D. Puglisi, Supervisor
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Dear Honorable Puglisi:

Thank you for requesting to meet with Governor Andrew M. Cuomo.

As you might expect, Governor Cuomo receives a large number of requests for meetings. Unfortunately, he will be unable to accommodate your request for a personal meeting. However, Tom Congdon, Deputy Secretary for Enrgy, is available to meet with you on the Governor's behalf. Please feel free to contact Mr. Congdon at 518-408-2552 to discuss the necessary arrangements for a meeting.

Thank you again for contacting our office.

Sincerely,

Matthew Nelson
Director of Scheduling