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Extending Indian Point Operation Vital to New York Economy, Greenhouse Gas Reduction



WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 22, 2006—Entergy Nuclear Northeast today announced it will seek a license renewal from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the Indian Point Energy Center in New York. Following is a statement from Marvin Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute senior vice president and chief nuclear officer, in response to the announcement:

“Indian Point is a vital source of electricity production for the Hudson Valley and New York City today. It will be even more important for New York’s future economic growth within the region’s greenhouse gas reduction program. Entergy’s success is testimony to its highly skilled, highly trained employees and their dedication to excellence in safety and efficient operations.

“An additional 20 years of reliable electricity production at Indian Point would best serve consumers who benefit from this clean and affordable source of energy. The process for renewing licenses at nuclear power plants is a rigorous, disciplined process that closely examines the safety and environmental record of these facilities.

“In considering applications for renewing nuclear plant licenses, the NRC has a two-year comprehensive and transparent process in which the company must demonstrate that it can operate the plant safely during this additional period. To date, the owners of 47 of the 103 nuclear power reactors have received license renewals, with nine currently in the relicensing process.”

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