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Virtual Public Statement Hearing Set Concerning Indian Point Decommissioning Process

ALBANY — The New York State Department of Public Service (Department) announced that the Indian Point Closure Task Force (Task Force) and Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board (Oversight Board) will hold a virtual public statement hearing on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023**.

On February 28, 2017, New York State established a Task Force to provide guidance and support to the communities, taxing jurisdictions, and employees affected by the planned closure of Indian Point. The Department was called upon to lead the Task Force, which is charged with developing recommendations to mitigate local tax and workforce impacts, evaluating and identifying new economic opportunities and work force retraining programs and opportunities, advocating for appropriate decommissioning timelines in the best interests of local communities, and ultimately positioning the region for a prosperous and sustainable future.

On December 31, 2020, the Department was further directed to establish the Oversight Board. The Oversight Board is charged with assessing how to protect the financial, environmental, and physical interests of the communities affected by decommissioning, including the interests of the current workforce as it relates to continuing the public safety of the surrounding communities.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a virtual public statement hearing will be held before Administrative Law Judge Anthony Belsito as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Electronic Access: <u>www.webex.com</u> Event Number: 2334 792 8804 Password: Apr25-6pm

Phone-Only Access: 518-549-0500 Access Code: 2334 792 8804

Statements are invited concerning the scope and goals of the Task Force and the scope and goals of the Oversight Board during the public statement hearing. **Any person wishing to provide a public**

statement on the record must register to do so by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023.

To register and provide a statement electronically: Participants who would like to provide a statement and will log in to the hearing electronically must register by the date and time indicated above by visiting <u>www.webex.com</u>, where they should click "Join" at the top right-hand corner of the screen, enter the event number listed above, and provide all requested information.

When logging in to the hearing, participants should visit <u>www.webex.com</u>, click "Join" at the top righthand corner of the screen, and input the event number listed above.

Participants will be asked to "select audio system." It is recommended that participants opt to have the system "call me" or "call using computer." The "call me" option will require participants to enter their phone numbers.

To register and provide a statement by phone: Any participant who is not able to log in to the hearing electronically may participate by phone. Call-in participants wishing to make a statement at the hearing must register to do so by the date and time indicated above by calling **1-800-342-3330**, following the prompts to the appropriate hearing and then providing the following information: first name and last name, address, and phone number.

On the day and time of the hearing, all call-in participants should dial **(518) 549-0500** and enter the access code, listed above, to join the hearing.

All participants will be muted upon entry into the hearing. The public statement hearing will be held open until everyone who has registered to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements to submit comments into the record have been made. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker as necessary to afford all registered speakers an opportunity to be heard. It is recommended that lengthy comments be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. A verbatim transcript of the public statement hearing will be submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for inclusion in the record of this matter.

To listen to the hearing: Any person who would like to listen to the hearing without making a statement may access the hearing without registering. The hearing will be livestreamed on the internet and available for viewing on the Department's YouTube channel on the date and time listed above. To access the YouTube channel, visit the Department's website, www.dps.ny.gov, and click on the YouTube icon at the bottom of the homepage. In addition, any person without internet access may listen to the hearing by phone by calling (518) 549-0500 and entering the access code.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department's Human Resources Management Office at 518-474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who prefer not to make a statement during the public statement hearing, there are several other ways to comment. Comments should refer to "Matter 21-01188 - Indian Point Task Force and

Oversight Board." Comments are requested by May 4, 2023, but will be accepted throughout the pendency of this matter.

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "21-01188" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then click on "Post Comments" located at the top of the page.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Honorable Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the matter number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Department's Opinion Line at 1- 800-335-2120. This number is set up to receive in-state calls 24-hours a day. These calls are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Department Staff. Please direct any questions to Tom Kaczmarek at (518) 474-7080 or Thomas.Kaczmarek@dps.ny.gov.

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