

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman  
Dr. Michael F. Kennedy  
Dr. Richard E. Wardwell

In the Matter of

ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.

(Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units 2 and 3)

Docket Nos. 50-247-LR and 50-286-LR

ASLBP No. 07-858-03-LR-BD01

May 10, 2016

ORDER

(Adopting Track 2 Hearing Schedule Deferral at Request of the Parties)

On March 29, 2016, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Entergy) notified the Licensing Board of recent developments potentially relevant to the Track 2 proceeding.<sup>1</sup> During the maintenance outage that commenced on March 7, 2016, Entergy conducted visual and ultrasonic testing of the baffle-former assembly bolts in Indian Point Unit 2.<sup>2</sup> It was revealed that approximately one quarter of the baffle-former bolts show signs of degradation.<sup>3</sup> Due to Entergy's findings, on March 30, 2016, the parties filed a Joint Motion with the Board, requesting that the Board defer for thirty-five days the Track 2 hearing schedule, including post-hearing

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Counsel for Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., to Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman, Dr. Michael F. Kennedy, and Dr. Richard Wardwell, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Mar. 29, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> Id. at 1.

<sup>3</sup> Id. at 1–2.

filings and evidentiary submissions.<sup>4</sup> The motion also proposed that a status update be filed by the parties no later than May 6, 2016.<sup>5</sup> The Board granted that motion on April 1.<sup>6</sup>

On May 6, 2016, the parties filed a Joint Status Report, requesting an additional deferral of thirty-two days, and submission of a second status report to be filed no later than June 7, 2016.<sup>7</sup> The parties stated that this deferral will allow Entergy to continue replacement of degraded baffle-former bolts at Indian Point Unit 2, as well as to finalize reports and analyses of the baffle-former bolt issue, including a root cause analysis and related technical analyses.<sup>8</sup> Additionally, the parties stated that the NRC Staff will use this time to complete its own independent inspections and reviews of the baffle-former bolt issue.<sup>9</sup>

Finding good cause for the parties' request, the Board hereby grants the additional deferral. The scheduling of the post-hearing filings and the filing of further evidentiary submissions is deferred and will be rescheduled by order of the Board. Additionally, a second status report shall be filed by the parties no later than June 7, 2016.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY  
AND LICENSING BOARD

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Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland  
May 10, 2016

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<sup>4</sup> Joint Motion for Track 2 Hearing Schedule Deferral (Mar. 30, 2016) at 5.

<sup>5</sup> Id.

<sup>6</sup> Order (Adopting Joint Motion for Track 2 Hearing Schedule Deferral) (Apr. 1, 2016) (unpublished).

<sup>7</sup> Joint Status Report Regarding Track 2 Schedule Deferral (May 6, 2016) at 1.

<sup>8</sup> Id. at 2.

<sup>9</sup> Id.

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