

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

November 21, 2019

Dr. Kris Singh  
President and CEO  
Holtec International Inc.  
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Dear Dr. Singh,

As the Federal elected representatives for the Indian Point Energy Center (Indian Point) and the communities surrounding it, we have a strong interest in providing oversight of the decommissioning process and the potential transfer of Indian Point's Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license from Entergy Corporation to Holtec International. It is critical that the decommissioning process for Indian Point is properly carried out in a safe and transparent manner and that there is robust, good-faith engagement with federal, state, and local officials and the public.

It is our understanding that Entergy and Holtec intend to formally submit an application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the license transfer in the coming days. In order to assist in our understanding of Holtec's decommissioning plans for Indian Point, we are writing to request answers to the following questions:

1. Does Holtec intend to apply for any exemptions for the use of money in the Decommissioning Trust Fund for Indian Point for any activities outside of the scope of the prescribed uses for the trust fund, such as nuclear waste disposal or site restoration?
  - a. If yes, has Holtec prepared a detailed cost estimate for the anticipated cost of all decommissioning activities? If so, please provide that cost estimate to us.
  - b. Does Holtec intend to pursue any additional sources of funding or financing, including, but not limited to, from federal or states agencies, for any activities related to the decommissioning of Indian Point, the disposal of nuclear waste generated at the site, or the environmental restoration of the site?
  - c. If yes, what is Holtec's contingency plan if any or all of these activities incur cost overruns exceeding the Decommissioning Trust Fund?
2. Please describe each of the subsidiaries or companies affiliated with Holtec that will be involved in decommissioning activities at Indian Point and receiving funding from the decommissioning trust fund, as well as their legal status.
  - a. If Holtec subsidiaries or other related companies will be involved in the decommissioning, please explain why Holtec believes that the involvement of such entities is necessary.
  - b. What is the prior involvement of those companies with nuclear decommissioning activities in the United States?

- c. How does Holtec intend to demonstrate that these entities have the necessary capacity and competency to carry-out the safe decommissioning of Indian Point?
  - d. Please provide us with information on the operating budget and revenue sources as well as the names and titles of the corporate leadership for each of those entities.
- 3. Holtec has recently purchased other decommissioned nuclear reactors and has made clear that the company's business strategy is to decommission all units as a fleet in a manner that will save on cost. How does Holtec plan to ensure that Indian Point will receive the attention necessary to ensure a swift and thorough decommissioning?
  - a. What is Holtec's plan to ensure that this does not incur additional costs?
  - b. How does Holtec plan to handle using the Decommissioning Trust Fund for Indian Point to cover costs associated with decommissioning, nuclear waste disposal and site restoration?
- 4. What assessments has Holtec done to determine possible contamination at Indian Point? Specifically, has Holtec performed or received from Entergy an analysis of on-the-ground site conditions?
  - a. If yes, please provide that analysis to us.
  - b. Also if yes, how has this informed Holtec's plan for site restoration and what is the estimated cost?
  - c. If no, what is Holtec's plan to ensure that possible cost overruns from potential contamination are paid for if they do receive a waiver from the NRC to utilize the Decommissioning Trust Fund for site restoration but the costs exceed the Decommissioning Trust Fund?
- 5. What is Holtec's plan for regular engagement with the public, including soliciting public input, conducting public meetings, and providing regular public notifications about decommissioning activities occurring at the site?
  - a. How will that information be communicated to the public?
  - b. Does Holtec intend to work with the Community Advisory Board and all other committees established to foster public input on the decommissioning?
- 6. What is Holtec's plan for security and emergency preparedness at Indian Point during decommissioning?
  - a. Please detail any exemptions from security or emergency planning requirements that Holtec intends to seek from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- 7. Will Holtec continue the annual PILOTs (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) that Entergy has made to the local taxing authorities around Indian Point including the Town of Cortlandt, Village of Buchanan and Hendrick Hudson School District?
- 8. How does Holtec plan to handle employment at Indian Point? Specifically, how many Entergy employees have been offered employment, how many have accepted, and how many have rejected?

- a. Additionally, how many new hires does Holtec anticipate making to handle operations at Indian Point? How many of these will be hired locally? How many will be union workers?
- b. How many employees from other nuclear decommissioning activities will be transferred to Indian Point?
- c. Please provide a breakdown of anticipated workforce for every quarter going forward throughout the decommissioning, nuclear waste disposal, and site restoration process.
  - i. In addition to the total, please segment this data into anticipated local employees, union employees, New York employees, and current and transferred non-New York based Holtec employees.

Thank you for your attention to our questions, and we look forward to receiving your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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United States Senate



Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate



Nita Lowey  
United States Representative

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