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General Comment

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to oppose the sale of the Indian Point Nuclear Plant to Holtec. According to a careful analysis by the Clearwater, a widely respected grassroots environmental organization with deep ties to the Hudson Valley region where Indian Point is located, Holtec is a terrible choice for the responsibility of dismantling and remediating the plant:

-Holtec lacks experience in nuclear plant decommissioning.

-Holtec's record is full of malfeasance bribery, fraud, getting barred from doing business with entities like the TVA and the World Bank, lying to public officials, risk-taking, dangerous incompetence and contempt for public concern or input.

-Holtec's complex subsidiary structure of siloed, undercapitalized LLCs shields it from liability and accountability. Its side businesses pose serious conflicts of interest.

-Holtec is privately held and secretive about its finances. It hasn't demonstrated the capitalization required to

complete the estimated \$1.3 billion decommissioning, as opposed to walking away and sticking taxpayers with the consequences and costs. Its business model is about using the ratepayer financed decommissioning trust fund and taxpayer money to maximize its profits.

-In a premature and improper report filed with the NRC about its plans, Holtec lowballed its decommissioning cost estimate, even though there isn't even an assessment of site conditions to base an estimate on. The company ignored the Algonquin gas pipeline passing near Indian Point's critical components, even though that complicates decommissioning and raises risks of rupture and fire. It plans to do nothing about radioactive contamination of groundwater. It won't remediate contaminated soil at the site any deeper than 3 feet. It stated it is considering shipping radioactive wastes by barge down the Hudson, raising a host of unacceptable risks.

For these reasons, it would be reckless to allow Holtec to take over the Indian Point Nuclear Plant. I strongly urge the commission to block the transfer.

Thank you for your consideration.