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STATEMENT TO BE INCORPORATED IN OFFICIAL MINUTES OF NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 26, 1983 DEALING WITH INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR FACILITY, BUCHANAN, NEW YORK.

I'm Charles G. DiGiacomo, Supervisor of the Town of Cortlandt, a municipality encompassing fifty square miles with a population of 36,000 persons. Within the Town of Cortlandt's perimeter lie two incorporated villages, one of which, the Village of Buchanan, houses the Indian Point nuclear generating plants.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to force the closing of these plants because there are two aspects of the evacuation plan which are not in place is perhaps understandable. However, the Westchester County Executive has been able to work out an arrangement to insure that there would be bus transportation in the event of an emergency situation at Indian Point.

The second aspect, that of Rockland County not participating in an evacuation plan is, in our estimation, an irresponsible position for them to take as legislators and representatives of people who reside within the ten mile area of the plants.

It is incumbent upon the State and/or Federal governments to force the various Counties to come up with their own evacuation plan in the event there is a nuclear emergency. These are two areas that can be rapidly dealt with and should be resolved before June 9th.

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The consequences of shutting down the Indian Point nuclear plants because Rockland County refuses to participate will be more disastrous than even we local officials can anticipate. I am enclosing as part of my statement, a graph showing the tax impact which will be felt in the various taxing districts affected by such a shutdown. The Village of Buchanan, for instance, would experience a 53% increase in taxes. This municipality has a population of 2,100 persons, over half of which are senior citizens living on fixed incomes. I can envision house foreclosures, vacant small businesses that derive their livelihood from Indian Point personnel, and a general mass exodus from our area.

The nuclear facility is the largest single employer in our area and closing of the plants would result in the immediate loss of 2,000 jobs, 750 of which are Cortlandt residents. According to national average statistics, this would represent a loss of \$6,000,000 in annual retail sales within our marketing area.

This decline would also spur further unemployment in our area in retail trade, the construction, transportation, communications and service industries.

Higher energy rates would add to the increased cost of continuing business in our area. This decline in population and loss of over Eight and One-Half Million Dollars in personal income, along with the loss of local tax revenues, would have seriously damaging effects on our school systems and public services.

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I respectfully request that you give every consideration to this statement since it is imperative that you, before you make a decision to shut down the Indian Point plants, realize the devastating implications such an order would have on thousands and thousands of homeowners, residents and businesses.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles G. Di Giacomo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

CHARLES G. DI GIACOMO,

Supervisor

TOWN OF CORTLANDT
1985 TAX LOSS AND ESTIMATED STATE AID RE. SECTION 546
OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW IF AMENDED

	(per \$1,000 assessed val) 1983 or 1983/4 tax rate	% assessed valuation loss	Dollar Loss	STATE 1984	AID 1985	BASED ON 1986	ON 1987	SECTION 546. 1988
TOWN OF CORTLANDT	9.03	29%	355,459.63		284,367.70	213,275.78	142,183.85	77,091.93
TOWN OF CORTLANDT OUTSIDE VILLAGE OF CROTON	1.25	33%	49,205.38		39,364.30	29,523.23	19,682.15	9,841.08
VERPLANCK FIRE DISTRICT	4.22	59%	166,117.35		132,893.88	99,670.41	66,446.94	33,223.47
HENDRICK HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT	* 146.77	45%	5,777,628.21		4,622,102.57	3466,576.93	2311,051.28	1155,525.64
HENDRICK HUDSON LIBRARY	* 1.93	41%	75,814.07		60,651.26	45,408.44	30,325.63	15,162.81
VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN	25.00	53%	862,490.00	689,992.00	517,494.00	344,996.00	172,498.00	
*Estimated 83/84	TOTAL		7,286,714.64	689,992.00	566,873.71	4199,530.79	2742,187.85	1284,844.93

NOTES

1. Based on current assessed valuation less reduction agreements with Con Ed for 1984.
2. Based on 1983 tax rates.
3. Based on plants being closed permanently as of June 8th, 1983.
 - a. loss would affect 1984 Town tax roll for 1985 Town taxes & 1985/86 school taxes.
 - b. loss would affect 1984 Village tax roll for 1984/85 Village taxes.
4. State aid per Section 546 to be reduced as follows:
 - a. any growth in assessment roll in taxing district.
 - ****b. increase in school aid to Hendrick Hudson School District based on lower assessed valuation.
5. These figures assume -0- assessed valuation on Indian Point plants 1 and 2 although there would probably be some residual assessed valuation.