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The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors, Inc. (RASC) was established in 1989, and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1990 to provide programs that assist in the development of small, minority and women-owned firms that provide services in the construction industry. The Regional Alliance provides an array of technical, financial and marketing services that target the key factors that determine the profitability and growth of small contractors.

One of the primary goals of The Regional Alliance is to support the development and utilization of small, minority, women-owned and disadvantaged construction and construction-related firms. Since 1987, Entergy Corporation – the owner and operator of Indian Point – has invested more than \$500 million with minority and women suppliers who provide the company with a wide range of goods and services.

Furthermore, Entergy was the first electric utility holding company in the nation to commit to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Fair Share Principles, and has exemplified a solid commitment to creating and maintaining a diverse workforce in which every employee is provided with an equal opportunity to contribute to the success of the corporation.

That is why The Regional Alliance fully supports Entergy in its effort to relicense Indian Point Energy Center. If Indian Point does not remain open, we believe this will greatly impact many of the women- and minority owned businesses in the region through the loss of a major purchaser of their goods and services, as well as the adverse impact of higher taxes and lack of affordable, reliable electricity.

The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors hereby supports and petitions the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to relicense Indian Point due to RASC's support for the relicensing of the Indian Point Energy Center facility.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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