

Yes, good afternoon.

Thank you for listening to me. We have worked together with Entergy for years in the Town of Cortlandt and the Village of Buchanan as the owners of Indian Point's nuclear plants. We haven't always agreed on everything, and I always have tough questions and rightly so, but we've had a working relationship. And I've attended all their hearings over the 30 years that I've had the honor of being Cortlandt's Town Supervisor, so I have been there over the years.

Now, we are faced with only one company, one sole source. There are other companies to consider my opinion to be approved by the NRC, even though the NRC to date has not agreed to hold a public hearing in our area. That is absurd, something of this magnitude. In the Town of Cortlandt, we always have more than just one sole source when we're considering voting on various projects. This is not a drainage project. It's not a paving project. This is dismantling decommissioning of nuclear plants. Since the announcement to close Indian Point four years ago by Governor Cuomo and the CEO of Entergy, the then CEO, without any prior notification given to us at the local level; however, we must go forward, and along with our town board mayor and trustees of the Village of Buchanan, the host community of Indian Point, we must go forward.

So we have -- on behalf of the Town of Cortlandt, I state we have many issues of the transfer to Holtec, and we have many questions. They need to be answered fully before any transfer takes place. Let's do it right. This is too big. This is too critical for our community, for our region, for our state, and for the industry.

Number one, we want a plan from Holtec -- haven't seen the official plan -- and assurance of safety for our community is critical priority. To date, we don't have the plans as I've stated, and the closure of Indian Point is forthcoming in April 2021, right around the corner. Sensitivity of the environment is critical as well. The Hudson River abuts Indian Point, the 33 wells that are there on the 240 acres of Indian Point. The loss of good jobs is a real, real, real critical issue when the plants close. It's always been a priority of mine. I've brought it up at every single task force meeting that we've had over the four years. Holtec claims and pledges to keep 300 of the approximate 900 jobs into the future, one-third, but it has to be officially written, stated in their official plan, which we do not have to date. As I said, the preservation of these jobs has always been a priority of mine. I totally am onboard with listening to labor and the union leaders that the jobs are really important, but give us a little more time to ensure that the jobs are going to be there into the future, into perpetuity, not just for a year, and let's doing the planning of which company is going to take this over and do it right.

A few other questions that we have, if I may, regarding the transfer. Does Holtec have the technical capabilities to properly decommission the plant? I don't have the answer to that question. What are Holtec's short-term/long-term plans for the nuclear waste? I realize federal government has a lot to say about that. I get that. How will Holtec safely transport nuclear waste if it was allowed from Indian Point? And then how are they going to continue to ensure the safety into the dry cask storage units? I understand they've been there, but we want to know going forward how they're going to do this.

Does Holtec have -- this has been mentioned before in the last several hours -- does Holtec have the financial means to safely decommission Indian Point to its final completion? What if the trust fund is not sufficient? What if it's not enough? Who is going to be holding the bag so to speak? Not the Town of Cortlandt. Let me tell you no way.

Has a full environmental review been completed? There's 33 wells on the site as I mentioned. The Hudson River, a critical environmental area, abuts the property. What is the contact information for the other companies -- sub

companies that Holtec will use and who would be on the site during the decommissioning process? We need to meet them. We need to know the plan.

I continue. How many current employees from Entergy will remain officially at this site for a while, not a month, not six months, not a year, but so the families know that they will have a long-term, longtime job with Holtec at the site if they are selected. This is important to us at the local level of village, town, School District of Hendrick Hudson? Would Holtec plan to enter into what's called a payment in lieu of taxes "a titled agreement" with the taxing jurisdiction? This is expressed, authorized pursuant to a legislative bill signed by the governor December 31, 2020. Senator Harckham and Assemblywoman Galef helped us submit this bill to the governor so we were delighted about that. But is Holtec going to abide by that? We need the plan. We want to know definitively. This is important too.

Has Holtec communicated with the local emergency services, fire departments, ambulance, police, etc., and with the Northern Westchester Joint Waterworks for future water usage? I'm on the executive board of the Joint Waterworks, and last Friday I asked the question of the director. No, Holtec has not returned their calls. That's outrageous. They provide the water sources, plus all the other environmental issues that I just stated.

So, in conclusion, based on all these facts -- factors, it would be premature -- that's the word for the Public Service Commission, the NRC, to issue any approvals or binding decisions. Decommissioning a nuclear site is an involved process. No company should be awarded its approvals before all questions, not just from me, but from all the others and many others are fully completely answered to the satisfaction of all regulatory agency. Also, a public hearing in our community by the NRC is a must. We live here. We work here. We need to be heard. Thank you for listening to me.

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