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August 10, 2015

Honorable Stephen G. Burns  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-001

Re: Project Docket Number CP14-96-000

Dear Chairman Burns,

I write to convey my deep concerns over plans to proceed with construction of the Spectra AIM pipeline in the vicinity of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant. As I am sure you are aware, experts in the fields of gas pipeline and nuclear safety, hired by the Town of Cortland, have recently called into question the comprehensiveness of prior safety analyses conducted by FERC and the NRC. These experts suggest that a transient risk analysis must be undertaken in order to make a realistic assessment of the potential safety hazards posed by siting a high pressure pipeline so close to a nuclear power plant.

Given the potentially catastrophic consequences of a gas line rupture near Indian Point, I implore you delay construction of the AIM pipeline until a truly independent risk assessment, including transient risk analysis, can be conducted. Several area residents have contacted me to express concern that the close relationship between Spectra and federal regulators may have precluded a thorough and complete investigation of the risks associated with the pipeline project.

While I understand the federal government's interest in encouraging the development of energy resources throughout the country, it is equally as important that local health and safety concerns be thoroughly and independently evaluated. This is especially true when one considers the magnitude of an accident impacting a nuclear facility.

The safety and peace of mind of the millions of area residents who live in the vicinity of Indian Point underscores the need to proceed cautiously with this massive and potentially hazardous

project. I urge you to take immediate steps to conduct the necessary due diligence to reassure the public and protect the safety of all those concerned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven Otis".

Steven Otis  
State Assemblyman

Cc: Hon. Charles Schumer  
Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand  
Hon. Nita Lowey  
Hon. Elliot Engle