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## Indian Point Closure Task Force to Hold 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting — Task Force Continues To Work to Address Employment and Property Tax Impacts; Monitor Compliance with Closure Agreement —

**ALBANY** — The New York State Department of Public Service (Department) today announced the second meeting of the Indian Point Closure Task Force on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the Cortlandt Town Hall, Cortlandt, New York at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting will be to continue discussion on the goals and priorities of the Task Force and to report on its progress. The meeting will also include presentations on key issues related to the planned closure of Indian Point. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

On Feb. 28, 2017, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the creation of a task force to provide guidance and support to the communities, taxing jurisdictions, and employees affected by the planned closure of Indian Point. The Task Force was charged with developing recommendations to mitigate local tax and workforce impacts, evaluating and identifying new economic opportunities and work force retraining programs and opportunities, advocating for appropriate decommissioning timelines in the best interests of local communities, and ultimately positioning the region for a prosperous and sustainable future.

At its initial meeting on May 31, 2017, the Task Force publicly discussed and identified initiatives to help the local community prepare for the facility to cease power generation operations and shut down by 2021, initiated the process to hire an independent consultant to understand Indian Point site reuse and reutilization options, assessed resources and opportunities for school funding gaps that might develop, and continued discussions with the local labor unions on workforce retraining opportunities.

The meeting will be held as follows:

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Cortlandt Town Hall

1 Heady St.,

Cortlandt. NY 10567

7:00 PM

## Task Force Members include:

<u>State Representatives:</u> Senator Terrence Murphy; Assemblymember Sandy Galef; and several state agencies, including the Office of the Governor; Education Representatives; Department of Public Service; Department of Environmental Conservation; Department of Labor; Department of Tax and Finance; Empire State Development; New York State Energy Research & Development Authority; Department of State; New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services; and the New York Power Authority.

<u>Local Representatives:</u> Catherine Borgia, Majority Leader, Westchester County Board of Legislators; John G. Testa, Minority Leader, Westchester County Board of Legislators; Linda D. Puglisi, Supervisor, Town of Cortlandt; Joseph Hochreiter, Superintendent, Hendrick Hudson School District; and Theresa Knickerbocker, Mayor, Village of Buchanan.

<u>Labor Representatives:</u> Teamsters Local 456; Utility Workers Union of America Local 1-2; and Westchester Putnam Central Labor Council.

Any related documents filed in the above matter may be obtained by going to the Department's website at <a href="www.dps.ny.gov">www.dps.ny.gov</a> and entering matter number 17-00994 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Documents may also be obtained from the Department's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500). If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.