RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY IN OPPOSITION TO THE DISCHARGE OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATED WATER INTO THE HUDSON RIVER

WHEREAS, the Indian Point Energy Center ("Indian Point"), the three-unit nuclear power plant station located on the Hudson River in the Village of Buchanan which ceased operation on April 30, 2021, is in the midst of a decommissioning process by the current owner Holtec International "Holtec"); and

WHEREAS, as a part of the decommissioning process, Holtec has announced its intention to release over a million gallons of contaminated water from onsite spent nuclear fuel waste pools into the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, to date there has been no specific reporting of the radionuclide contents of this water, which is heavily contaminated from the storage of the nuclear fuel waste; and

WHEREAS, Holtec has presented a pre-release filtration to remove isotopes as a solution to reduce the content of these carcinogenic contaminants to a level “as low as reasonably achievable” despite that the National Academy of Sciences has indicated that there is no verifiable safe level of these isotopes when they are ingested or inhaled; and

WHEREAS, in any event, such pre-release treatment of the waste water would not remove the isotope tritium, a known carcinogenic; and

WHEREAS, any contaminants in the Hudson River present the risk of entering the food chain since there are community members who depend on fish from the Hudson River as a food source; and

WHEREAS, in addition, there are seven communities upriver who source their drinking water from the Hudson River, an estuary that flows from south to north as well as from north to south; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River also serves as a source of recreational activities and represents an economic resource for the region and its inhabitants and visitors that will be endangered by this reckless action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Village of Dobbs Ferry strongly opposes the plan by Holtec to release radio-active contaminated water from the spent nuclear fuel ponds at the Indian Point property into the Hudson River.

Motion by Trustee Patino     Seconded by Trustee Rosen Ascher
I hereby attest that the above Resolution was approved by the Village Board at its March 28, 2023 meeting, and that I have been authorized to sign this Resolution by decision of the Board of Trustees.

Date: March 29, 2023