



STATEMENT OF JAMES T. SLEVIN, PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 1-2, ON INDIAN POINT CLOSURE

If the stories are true of a backroom deal between Gov. Andrew Cuomo and executives of Entergy, which operates the Indian Point nuclear power facility, to shutter it by 2021, then it is clear neither party had the best interests of New York or New Yorkers in mind when they entered secret talks to strike a devil's bargain.

The adverse economic impact will be in the tens of millions of dollars lost to the local Westchester economy and the surging electricity rates that will follow a closed Indian Point's wake. It will be devastating. It will devastate Westchester County and the residents of New York City.

This is because the Governor has no plan-no plan at all-to replace the lost power of Indian Point. And it provides a lie to a clean energy future for New Yorkers. There simply are not enough wind turbines or solar panels to make up for this loss. Nor does a large extension cord across the border to Canada provide a solution for the always-growing electricity needs of Westchester and New York City.

Governor Cuomo and Entergy entered into secret talks without bothering to give a heads up to the Members of Local 1-2, who operate Indian Point, nor the elected officials of Westchester County or New York City.

Closing Indian Point will reap a deadly whirlwind.