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## Fish eggs over families

For those of us who have both worked at Indian Point and live in the Hudson Valley, it is disturbing that state environmental regulators have placed the interests of fish eggs ahead of those of working families, particularly in these dire economic times (Bosch, "Indian Point certificate denied," April 4).

While Indian Point's federal relicensing process will continue to move forward, the weight of this recommendation to require mammoth cooling towers can jeopardize the reliability of the state's electrical grid because the plant could become too expensive to operate. In fact, the New York Independent Systems Operator, which operates the state grid, noted the reliability challenges posed by closing only one reactor at Indian Point.

Following our recent storms, we cannot afford to take that risk.

Further, working families like mine have already tightened our belts. With excessive taxes and fees fostering a negative impact at home, raising utility rates should be a nonstarter – particularly in an effort to protect Hudson River fish eggs.

Indian Point generates low-cost, safe and clean power, critical for the interests of working families. Indian Point also employs hundreds of union employees and contractors like me who live, work and pay taxes in the Hudson Valley.

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