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amended to reflect the new ownership once the sale of TMI-2 is completed. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has approved the sale of the reactor to TMI-2 Solutions, EnergySolutions announced the same day.

Located near Middletown, Pa., TMI-2 experienced a partial meltdown on March 28, 1979. The reactor was placed in a safe and stable storage condition known as post-defueling monitored storage, and its nuclear fuel was moved to a storage facility at Idaho National Laboratory. The license currently authorizes only the possession of by-product and special nuclear materials remaining at the reactor.

To perform the decommissioning work on the TMI-2 project, EnergySolutions and the New Jersey-based construction company Jingoli formed a joint venture called ES/Jingoli Decommissioning LLC.

The NRC commissioners approved the license transfers of Indian Point and TMI-2 while challenges to the transfer applications are still being

adjudicated. NRC regulations allow staff to approve a license transfer under the condition that the commissioners may later move to “rescind, modify, or condition the approved transfer based on the outcome of any post-effectiveness hearing on the license transfer application.”

New York is currently suing the NRC over the sale of Indian Point to Holtec. The suit challenging the NRC’s denial of New York’s petition for a hearing regarding the license transfer was filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on January 22.

Also in January, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed first-in-the-nation legislation giving the communities around Indian Point the ability to collect taxes on the spent nuclear fuel that will be left behind when the power plant shuts down. The law designates spent fuel stored in on-site wet or dry storage as real property that can be assessed.

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