



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 28, 2019

SECRETARY

The Honorable Vinny deMacedo
The General Court of Massachusetts
State House
Boston, MA 02133-1053

Dear Senator deMacedo:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of January 22, 2019, to Chairman Svinicki regarding your recent meeting with officials representing the NRC about the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report for Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (Pilgrim) in Plymouth, Massachusetts, as it pertains to the pending license transfer of the plant and the upcoming decommissioning process. Your letter requests information pertinent to these matters.

The NRC is reviewing an application filed by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENOI) received on November 16, 2018. The application seeks NRC approval of the direct and indirect transfers of Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-35 for Pilgrim as well as the general license for Pilgrim Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, collectively the Licenses. ENOI on behalf of itself and Entergy Nuclear Generation Company, Holtec International (Holtec), and Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC (HDI) requests that the NRC consent to (1) the indirect transfer of control of the Licenses to Holtec; and (2) the direct transfer of ENOI's operating authority to HDI. The NRC is also considering amending the renewed facility operating license for administrative purposes to reflect the proposed transfer.

On February 20, 2019, the NRC received requests to intervene and for a hearing on the license transfer/amendment application of the Pilgrim plant. Because this application for the Pilgrim Station is now the subject of a current adjudication, the Commission must remain impartial during the pendency of the proceeding. Due to the nature of the Commission's adjudicatory role, I trust that you will understand that it would be inappropriate at this time for the Chairman to discuss or comment on issues involved in this matter.

A copy of your letter and this response will be served on the participants in the Pilgrim license transfer/amendment proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Annette L. Vietti-Cook", is written over a horizontal line.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook

cc: See attached list

cc: Pilgrim Service List
Senator Julian Cyr
Senator Patrick O'Connor
Representative Kathleen LaNatra
Representative Joan Meschino
Representative Mathew Muratore
Representative William Crocker
Representative Sarah Peake
Representative Josh Cutler
Representative David Vieira
Representative Dylan Fernandes
Representative Timothy Whelan