



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

August 26, 2019

SECRETARY

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Markey:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of August 21, 2019, to Chairman Svinicki regarding the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station license transfer request from Entergy and Holtec (Docket Nos. 50-593 and 72-1044). Your letter requests that the NRC delay its decision on the license transfer application until after the Commission rules upon the license transfer intervention petitions filed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Pilgrim Watch as well as the motion filed by the Commonwealth requesting extra time in which to file a stay application. The motion requesting extra time was granted on August 21, 2019. The license transfer was approved on August 22, 2019.

Because your request bears on the contested adjudication pending before the Commission, it would be inappropriate for the Chairman to discuss this matter at this time. This is because the Commission must remain impartial during the pendency of the adjudication.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rochelle C. Bavol".

Rochelle C. Bavol  
Acting Secretary

cc: Senator Elizabeth Warren  
Representative William R. Keating