



**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
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SECRETARY

**Ms. Henrietta Cosentino
Chair, Nuclear Affairs Committee
Plymouth Area League of Women Voters
Box 3906
Plymouth, MA 02361**

Dear Ms. Cosentino:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of August 19, 2019, to Chairman Svinicki regarding the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station license transfer request from Entergy and Holtec (Docket Nos. 50-593 and 72-1044). In your letter, you request that the NRC reconsider its decision on the 90-day stay request filed by the State of Massachusetts and the issuance of the NRC staff's intent to approve the transfer of the license on or about August 21st. 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 or comment on your request 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. Bavor".

**Rochelle C. Bavor
Acting Secretary**