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SECRETARY

Ms. Janet Azarovitz
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Dear Ms. Azarovitz:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your email of August 23, 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 email, you request that the NRC delay its decision on the license transfer application until after public hearings and opportunities for public input are provided. 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 email and this response will be served on the participants in the Pilgrim license transfer proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard J. Laufer", is positioned above the typed name.

Richard J. Laufer
Acting Secretary

From: [JANET AZAROVITZ](#)
To: [CHAIRMAN Resource](#)
Subject: [External_Sender] a PLEA FOR MORE TIME AND REASONABLE DISCUSSION INCLUDING THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE SALE OF THE PNPS
Date: Friday, August 23, 2019 11:22:54 AM

Commissioner Svinicki, we are grateful to see that you've given citizens, represented specifically by Pilgrim Watch and the MA Attorney General, an opportunity to have our voices heard about the sale of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station to Holtec. Still too little time for thoughtful dialogue but, I hope you are still open to hearing our concerns. These concerns include the lack of proof that the company has the money necessary to do the job safely to the emergency response planning....critical to the safety of the public. More hearings and opportunities for public input are absolutely needed and called for by citizens of Massachusetts, to resolve critical outstanding questions – until that happens, this license transfer should not be approved. We feel that the NRC should not put nuclear industry timelines above the statutory requirement (NRC has come to be known as the puppet, an extension, of the industry) for a process that includes the opportunity for public input and involvement response planning. We have asked for answers and we have received only unacceptable silence.

Holtec came to woo Entergy into a deal that appealed to Plymouth residents and those that are in the shadow of the PNPS because it appealed to those who want it GONE, and the sooner the better. At the same time it is in August, 2018 that they came to woo MA Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel members, trying to convince them to support the plan. As proven, Holtec/SNC/Lavalin has a very shaky, dubious, background. The public reporting of Holtec malfeasance starts in 2001 with lies told to TVA, (consequently barred from doing business with TVA), moving on to bribery, with the latest documented dealings in N.J. which has Holtec/SNC-Lavalin has formed a USA-based joint venture company to work on the accelerated decommissioning of retired nuclear power plants. . In their own words, decommissioning has become a "rapid growth market" with a forecast value exceeding USD14 billion over the next ten years. The new company, Comprehensive Decommissioning International (CDI), has never decommissioned a power plant but will take on 3 plants that are shut down and ready to be decommissioned.....with a promise to do so in 8 years! But their's is a history of promises made, promises never kept. As Senator Markey has said, "Too many questions remain and too few answers have been provided to the Commonwealth and to local residents about the decommissioning of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant". I can attest to that statement.....at the August 2018 Massachusetts Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Panel, where we were introduced to the Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Engineer, Pierre Oneid laughed off the serious question by the Chair to see something in writing. No, came the jaw-dropping answer, only willing to satisfy this mega-deal with a friendly handshake as opposed to a written contract of agreement. Repeatedly the Holtec representatives have shown a lack of respect and total lack of transparency in their appearances before this state-appointed citizens committee.

I am speaking as a knowledgeable, responsible long-time resident of Cape Cod, as a grandmother, and as a coordinating committee member of the Pilgrim Legislative Advisory

Coalition, and am asking for a thorough discussion and the halting of the license transfer.

Sincerely Janet Azarovitz

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| In the Matter of |) | |
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| ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC. |) | |
| ENTERGY NUCLEAR GENERATION |) | Docket Nos. 50-293 and 72-1044 LT |
| COMPANY, HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL, |) | |
| and HOLTEC DECOMMISSIONING |) | |
| INTERNATIONAL, LLC |) | |
| |) | |
| (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station |) | |

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **Letter from NRC Acting Secretary, Richard J. Laufer, to Janet Azarovitz** have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland,
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