



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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SECRETARY

January 21, 2020

The Honorable José Rodríguez
Texas Senate District 29
P.O. Box 12068
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Senator Rodríguez:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of January 10, 2020, addressed to Chairman Svinicki regarding the application by El Paso Electric Company for transfer of the licenses for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station and Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation. Your letter expresses support for the hearing request submitted by Public Citizen and states your position regarding Public Citizen's standing.

As with your November 2019 letter, your January 2020 letter relates to subjects that may be raised during any adjudication that might result from Public Citizen's request for hearing on the license transfer application. For this reason, the Commission must remain impartial and it would be inappropriate for the Chairman to comment on the matter at this time.

A copy of your letter and this acknowledgment will be served on the parties in the Palo Verde proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette L. Vietti-Cook", is written over the typed name.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook