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General Comment

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Attachments

Palisades License Transfer



Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attention: Rulemaking & Adjudications Department

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce, this letter is to show support of the proposed sale and license transfer of the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant from current owners and operator Entergy, to the U.S. based firm Holtec International for purposes of accelerated decommissioning. (Docket NRC-2021-0036)

Palisades Power Plant of Covert Township has operated in a safe and responsible manner in our community since 1971. Throughout this time, they have provided community stakeholders with important regular updates pertaining to operations at the plant. In addition, Palisades Power Plant has generously supported festivals, events, service clubs, schools, and non-profit organizations in ways too numerous to mention. The lucrative jobs that the plant has provided throughout the years has allowed our community to attract year-round residents who otherwise might not have chosen Southwest Michigan.

Having made the decision to permanently close the facility in 2022, Entergy desires to restore the site to federal standards in a safe and timely manner. Because Entergy is not specialized in the work of plant decommissioning, this process is projected to be a 60-year effort to complete. Holtec is specialized in the management and storage of spent nuclear fuel and can provide the technical expertise and resources necessary to expedite this critical process, allowing for cleanup and land management to be completed much sooner.

Approval of the Palisades license transfer expedites the safe decommissioning and restoration efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathy T. Wagaman".

Kathy Wagaman
South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce

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