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ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

RE: Docket ID NRC-2021-0036

To Whom It May Concern:

I write today on behalf of the more than 13,000 Michigan members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) in strong support of the sale of the Palisades Power Plant in Covert Township, Michigan, from Entergy to Holtec International following the cessation of plant operations and permanent reactor defueling in the spring of 2022.

A half-million strong, our members are a skilled and experienced union workforce trained to work safe and error-free in the construction and energy industries. Our long history in the nuclear power industry includes on-site work at Palisades, including refueling and maintenance outages and the plant's successful dry fuel storage campaigns managed by Holtec. We can attest to Holtec's professionalism, high expectations, and tireless commitment to the safety and wellbeing of its workers and our environment.

Holtec International is a nationally recognized industry leader with decades of experience in the safe handling and storage of spent nuclear fuel. The company's joint venture Comprehensive Decommissioning International brings the technical expertise, wealth of resources, and financial strength to safely and completely decommission Palisades in 19 years – more than 40 years sooner than Entergy.

The safe and timely decommissioning of Palisades not only means the potential for site reuse decades sooner, it means the continuation of good-paying local jobs until the decommissioning work is completed to federal standards. This is a win-win proposition for the local community and our region.

For these reasons, LIUNA supports the sale of Palisades to Holtec and respectfully urges the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to approve the post-shutdown transaction.

Sincerely,



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cc: Governor Gretchen Whitmer
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U.S. Senator Gary Peters
U.S. Representative Fred Upton
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