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General Comment

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Point Beach Nuclear Reactors (PBNP) and the draft generic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

For the general public concerned with the potential license extension for the two reactors at PBNP, participation is difficult and has obstacles to adequate public participation:

1. Common sense and seemingly logical thinking and expression by the general public is most often met with such concerns being relegated to some other part of the regulatory body's apparatus, at some other time, so that instead of having a meaningful discussion of the important issues at hand, like reactor vessel embrittlement and additional high level waste being created on the shore of Lake Michigan, public concerns are channeled into a 'regulatory' process gap that obscures the public voice. Our concerns regarding embrittlement dangers, climate change, truly renewable alternative energy options, and the economic impact related to Power Purchase Agreements somehow are seemingly irrelevant, as their purview is someplace else than this licensing proceeding.
2. The technological level for public participation is sadly lacking. Instead of the ease and convenience of the many Zoom like communication programs available today, the agency charged with being fully up to date in an important regulatory capacity asks the general public to anticipate in an antiquated two step communications process, which requires both an internet computer connection and an active telephone line for the hours long proceedings.