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Subject: [External_Sender] URGENT: Petition to suspend Pilgrim license transfer until hearings/contentions resolved
Attachments: CDWCAN NRC letter on LT.pdf

Dear Chairman Svinicki,

Please find attached a citizens' petition letter submitted by Cape Downwinders and Citizens Awareness Network requesting suspension of the Pilgrim license transfer from Entergy to Holtec until the adjudicatory hearing is held and raised contentions are resolved. Will the NRC act on this concern? We look forward to your response.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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Kristine L. Svinicki, Chair
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Dear Chairman Svinicki,

Cape Downwinders and Citizens Awareness Network are regional citizens organization advocating for the best protection for the public and environment during the decommissioning and spent fuel management activities at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, MA.

We are very concerned that the NRC Commissioners, mandated to protect the public and environment, will approve the License Transfer Application from Entergy to Holtec without a public hearing on the all the contentions filed. We fully support our Attorney General's Office petition to intervene and find that a premature NRC decision to approve the license transfer only supports Holtec's financial interest and not standards for public health and safety that clearly impact our communities.

The NRC promotes the value of communication and public input, yet, when it comes to legal intervention pursued on our behalf by our AGO, the NRC not only denies a stay of 90 days but plows forward to meet Holtec's demands with license approval before an adjudicatory hearing is held. Business as usual.

In their petition to intervene, the AGO identified the "risk of a funding shortfall is radiological, environmental, and financial." This is a serious matter that must not be rushed in order to accommodate Holtec's bottom line. Can we agree decommissioning must be done in the safest and most responsible manner? That is not the guaranteed plan as it stands now. The Commonwealth has raised serious issues that must be resolved before license transfer.

Approving the license before the hearing also removes any incentive for Holtec to meet the recommendations of the Commonwealth.

Will the public concerns be heard and acted upon by you and the Commissioners? We, the citizens, do not consent to the license transfer at this time. We petition to suspend the license transfer from Entergy to Holtec until there is resolution to the contentions raised. Otherwise, the NRC has reneged it's responsibility to the people they are mandated to protect.

We look forward to your response.

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