

October 19, 2001

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SUBJECT: EFFECTIVE DATE FOR TRANSFER OF OPERATING AUTHORITY UNDER
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND TRANSFER OF MATERIALS LICENSE,
PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION (TAC NO. MB2843)

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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has considered your requested effective date, taking into account the number of license transfer applications currently under review by the NRC, and has determined that we will not be able to complete the reviews of your application in time to meet the requested effective date of December 28, 2001. We currently anticipate that we will be able to complete our evaluation of the ENGC application and, if acceptable, issue the appropriate order by February 28, 2002. However, at the end of December 2001 we will reevaluate our progress toward achieving the February 28, 2002, date and will notify you in early January 2002 if we need to make further changes to our anticipated effective date.

Sincerely,
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