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Mr. Dan Larcamp, Chief of Staff
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

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Re: Repeated Downpowering of Seabrook Station

Dear Mr. Larcamp:

Town of Hudson, Light and Power Department (HL&PD), a non-operating owner of Seabrook Nuclear Station, with energy entitlements as an owner and through Power Sales Agreements with Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), has a very significant financial and operational interest in the continuing safe and reliable operation of Seabrook Station.

We were dismayed to learn of the repeated downpowering of Seabrook Station ordered by Independent System Operator, New England (ISO-NE). We fear that such actions, which are inconsistent with the prudent operation of a nuclear baseload plant, will endanger the longevity of the plant and could potentially lead to severe financial impacts at HL&PD. We cannot emphasize enough the depth of our concerns. In addition to the risks to the plant we submit there is an increased risk of human error with frequent energy output reduction orders from ISO-NE.

Our purpose in this communication is to stop ISO-NE from ordering the downpowering of Seabrook Station and highlight the apparent disregard for the potential impacts on the plant and the financial well-being of HL&PD. To invoke an outdated undocumented protocol to justify the downpowering of Seabrook Station suggests a lack of prudence and understanding of nuclear plant operations.

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The HL&PD Board is fortunate to have Mr. Edward Brown, the Town of Stow Advisory Representative to the HL&PD. His bona fides, given in the attachment, attest to his experience in the electric energy industry. The Board solicited his review of the documentation we received on this topic and to give us his recommendations.

Sincerely,

Hudson Municipal Light Board


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