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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the matter of Entergy Corporation Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station License Renewal Application

Docket # 50-293

October 17, 2007

PILGRIM WATCH'S MOTION REQUESTING THAT THE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE FOR THE PROCEEDINGS BE RESET TO EXTEND ALL DEADLINES FOR FILINGS AT MINIMUM THIRTY (30) DAYS

Pilgrim Watch hereby requests that the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board consider resetting the schedule for the proceedings and extend all deadlines for filings at minimum thirty (30) days.

Pilgrim Watch's rationale is as follows.

1. There has been a substantial period of time between the last substantive filing on the Motions for Summary Disposition on Contentions 1 (July 6, 2007) and Contention 3 (July 29, 2007) and the ASLB's decision.

Contention 1: Entergy filed a Motion for Summary Disposition on Contention 1 on June 8, 2007; and the last filing on that motion was on July 6, 2007.

Contention 3: Entergy filed a Motion for Summary Disposition on Contention 3, May 18, 2007; and the last filing on that motion was filed on July 29, 2007.

2. The Order Establishing Schedule for Proceeding and Addressing Related Matters

ASLBP No. 06-848-02-LR December 20, 2006 stated that: (L) June 11, 2007
Deadline for filing any motions for summary disposition; and (M) June 29, 2007
Deadline for responses to any motions for summary disposition. The Witness list was

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scheduled for October 30 - essentially four months after the deadline set for responses. Therefore it seemed plausible to us to expect that the ASLB originally had in mind a sizable time period to allow for preparations.

- 3. The rule appears to provide two minimum dates by which the presiding officer shall issue an order on the motions indicating whether they have been granted or denied. Subpart L 2.1205 (a) states that, "Unless the presiding officer directs otherwise, motions for summary disposition may be submitted to the presiding officer...no later than fortyfive days before the commencement of hearing." In this instance part (c) states that, "The presiding officer shall issue a determination on each motion for summary disposition no later that fifteen (15) days before the date scheduled for commencement of hearing." The presiding officer in this case did direct otherwise in the Order Establishing Schedule for Proceeding and Addressing Related Matters ASLBP No. 06-848-02-LR December 20, 2006 stated that: (L) June 11, 2007 - Deadline for filing any motions for summary disposition; and (M) June 29, 2007 - Deadline for responses to any motions for summary disposition. Subpart L goes on to say that, "In ruling on motions for summary disposition, the presiding officer shall apply the standards for summary disposition set forth in subpart G for this matter." Subpart G, 2.710 (e) states that, "The presiding officer shall issue an order no later than (40) days after any responses to the summary disposition motion are filed, indicating whether the motion is granted or denied, and the bases thereof." August 15, 2007 marks forty (40) days after the last filing for Contention 1 (July 6); and September 7 marks forty (40) days since the last filing on Contention 3 (July 29). August 15 and September 7 would have allowed many months to prepare; clearly it is not reasonable to expect witnesses and the respective parties to spend time in preparation not knowing whether the motion is granted or denied.
- 4. Pilgrim's license expires in 2012. Therefore a request to extend the dates for this process at minimum 30 days does not seem burdensome.
- 5. We appreciate that for the applicant, their attorneys and the NRC legal staff that compressing time is less onerous. They have attorneys, legal assistants, staff and funds to

hire experts. In contrast Pilgrim Watch has no attorney, legal assistants, staff or money to hire experts; instead we rely on experts to volunteer their services. We appreciate, and we are sure that the ASLB appreciates, both their assistance and the fact that experts must work their volunteer service around their actual jobs. This necessitates providing volunteer experts ample notification to allow them to schedule their time.

6. Holidays: The original schedule has due dates right around the major holidays – Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, and New Years. If given enough lead time, it would be possible to plan ahead so that holidays can be enjoyed with family; however under the current schedule it will not be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I Hereby Certify That The Foregoing Pilgrim Watch Motion Requesting That The Order Establishing The Schedule For The Proceedings Be Reset To Extend All Deadlines For Filings At Minimum Thirty (30) Days Has Been Served This 17th Day Of October, 2007 By Electronic Mail And By U.S. Mail, First Class To Each Of The Following:

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