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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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STATE OF NEW YORK'S RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION OF LICENSING BOARD ADMISSIBILITY RULINGS ON CONTENTIONS NYS-17B AND NYS-37

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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.323(b), the State of New York urges the Board to deny Entergy's motion for "clarification," which is nothing more than an unsupported motion for reconsideration and, in any event, premature.

DISCUSSION

With regard to Contention 17B, although styled a motion for "clarification," Entergy is really seeking reconsideration of the Board's ruling, which is sufficiently clear and requires no clarification. The Board ruled that "[b]ecause the Commission has specifically barred consideration of the environmental impacts of long-term storage of spent fuel in adjudicatory proceedings, this aspect of NYS-17B is inadmissible." Licensing Board Memorandum and Order (Ruling on Pending Motions for Leave to File New and Amended Contentions) (July 6, 2011) (unpublished) (Order) at 18. Immediately thereafter the Board also ruled that "the negative effect on property values predicted by Dr. Sheppard that would result from the longer-term presence of spent fuel anticipated by the updated Waste Confidence Rule is not an environmental impact barred by the Waste Confidence Rule." *Id.* at 18. There is nothing contradictory, apparently or otherwise, in these statements. Entergy simply disapproves of the Board's ruling. The Board should reject Entergy's attempt to characterize its request for reconsideration as a motion for clarification.

A motion to reconsider may be made only with leave of the Board or the Commission and "upon a showing of compelling circumstances, such as the existence of a clear and material error in a decision, which could not have reasonably been anticipated, that renders the decision invalid." 10 C.F.R. § 2.323(e). Accord Entergy Nuclear Generation Company and Entergy

Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station) CLI-10-28 (November 5, 2010) at 1 & n.2. Entergy has not satisfied, nor could it, the standard for reconsideration.

With regard to its efforts at "clarification" of the ruling on both Contentions 17B and 37, Entergy's motion is not only unnecessary but premature. In addition to seeking clarification of the ruling on 17B. Entergy seeks "clarification" of a footnote in the Board's Order related to certain concerns regarding non-fossil fuel alternatives that the Board found untimely. Order at 35 & n. 156. Entergy will not know until New York files its direct testimony regarding Contentions 17B and 37 whether New York has misunderstood the Board's ruling and strayed into subjects that Entergy believes are precluded. As Entergy itself stated in opposing an intervenor's interlocutory request for clarification in another proceeding, "[c]ertainly, the Board should not be forced to offer speculative advice on these matters in advance of the development of the record." Entergy Nuclear Generation Co. (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station) ASLBP No. 06-848-02-LR, Entergy's Opposition to Pilgrim Watch's Interlocutory Motion Seeking Further Clarification (October 4, 2010) at 10, ML102850137. When New York files its direct testimony regarding Contentions 17B and 37, Entergy may file an in limine motion to preclude any portions of New York's testimony that Entergy believes are not within the scope of the Board's Order. Until such time, Entergy has no need for "clarification." The State seeks no further guidance and plans to file its direct testimony in full compliance with the Board's unambiguous rulings.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing the State of New York urges the Board to deny the motion for "clarification."

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