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In the Matter of
Entergy Nuclear Generation Company and
Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.
(Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station)
Docket No. 50-293-LR; ASLBP No. 06-848-02-LR

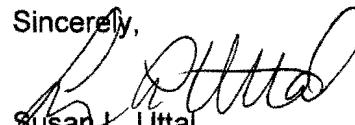
Dear Administrative Judges:

This letter is in response to the Board's Inquiry (Regarding Information on Expected NMFS ESA Determination), dated April 18, 2012, requesting that the NRC staff (Staff) provide a copy of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) determination from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), if received, or, in the alternative, an estimate of the anticipated date of receipt.

Please be advised that, as of this date, the Staff has not received a response from the NMFS regarding the ESA. The Staff does not know exactly when a response will be received, but believes that it will be in early May.

The Staff will serve a copy of the response on the Board and parties upon receipt.

Sincerely,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the NRC Staff Letter to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Regarding ESA Determination have been served upon the following by the Electronic Information Exchange this 19th day of April, 2012:

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