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Stephen G. Burns, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Chairman Burns:

As the governing body of our Town please accept this letter from the Board of Selectmen as our clear and unconditional support for NextEra Energy Seabrook Station's 20-year license extension.

Since the plant began commercial operations 25-years ago, Seabrook Station has become, quite simply, an irreplaceable regional asset. Over and above the economic benefits that generate more than a half billion dollars in regional economic activity every year, and the fact that Seabrook Station is an economic engine providing good jobs at good wages, perhaps even more important to our town is the plant is a good neighbor and good corporate citizen. Our relationship with the plant and its employees has been nothing but overwhelmingly open and positive. Even when there are difficult issues that inevitably come up in every town and city, our mutual respect for each other has always endured, serving the best interests of our town, the sea coast region, and our fabric of life.

The Town of Seabrook today is almost unrecognizable from what the town was before Seabrook Station was built. In fact, the plant is built on a former landfill. It's almost unimaginable to think of where we would be today without the plant. The continued improvements and economic expansion of our town is due in large part to Seabrook Station. Our new police and fire stations, library, town center, schools, and overall infrastructure improvements are because of the plant. Seabrook Station employees are among the state's most generous contributors to local non-profit agencies including the United Way of the Greater Seacoast. And, the plant works tirelessly partnering with various agencies and organizations devoted to environmental stewardship and protecting of our marshlands.

The people who run the plant have consistently provided the support requested by the town for help in making Seabrook a safer and more pleasant place to live. When the residents of one of our more congested neighborhoods were subjected to tractor trailers idling overnight waiting to make deliveries to a local food processing facility, we went to the plant and requested help. In response the plant permitted access on its roads and across its property to get the idling trucks out of the neighborhood. To do so, we know that the plant had to do a major amount of engineering and security work to make it happen. Residents on Railroad Avenue have enjoyed peace and quiet for several years now thanks to Seabrook Station.

Similarly, we requested help getting traffic off a residential street that was the access point for the town's transfer station. For years, trucks have been barreling down Rocks Road with lots of kids playing close by, and we were all concerned about the possibility of a serious accident from a child chasing a ball into the street. Working with plant leadership, we solved the problem and now have a safe new access point to the transfer station -- and a much safer environment for everyone living in the local neighborhood. In addition, all our town residents benefited from the change in transfer station access because the new way in and out has a traffic light, making it safer to get off and on increasingly busy Route 1. We also want to stress that the plant didn't just give the town access to their property; they also made a significant financial investment to help get the project done.

The Station recently constructed a new onsite indoor firing range and training center for the qualification and training of the plant's security force. As a benefit of this new facility, our Seabrook police officers are now able to use the range for training as well. This reduces the noise at the town's indoor shooting range, and gives our officers year-round opportunity to keep their skills sharp. The plant didn't have to make the range available for our officers,

or the members of the Seacoast Emergency Response Team, but they did so without hesitation because they are constantly looking for ways to contribute to public safety in the region. We also know that the members of our great public safety team appreciate the plant's annual contributions to the Seabrook Police Association and Seabrook Professional Firefighters Association.

Regarding the plant's concrete issue (ASR), we have full confidence that Seabrook Station is taking every reasonable step to safely and effectively manage this condition in the short and long term. We know the plant is designed with considerable safety margin and has no tolerance for unsafe conditions. The stellar safety record compiled by Seabrook Station is evidence of their commitment to producing energy vital to our region safely, and without carbon emissions.

With recent changes in the energy market in New England the power produced by Seabrook Station has become more even more vital to the people and businesses of the region. Our economy requires energy, and Seabrook Station is a vital part of the mix of energy sources powering our region.

Seabrook Station is acknowledged by the industry as one of this country's safest and best-run nuclear power plants. It is a powerful economic engine for our region, generating safe, clean electricity to 1.4 million homes and businesses as well as good jobs at good wages. Most importantly, Seabrook Station is a good neighbor and our partner, contributing to the overall quality of life in our town. It is hard to believe there is any nuclear power plant in this country if not the world more deserving of its license being extended than Seabrook Station. As elected leaders responsible for always looking out for the best interests of our town, we fully and unconditionally support Seabrook Station's 20-year license renewal.

Sincerely,



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Town Manager

  
Raymond Smith, Chairman

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