

August 10, 2017

The Honorable William R. Keating
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Keating:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your July 14, 2017, letter to NRC Region I Administrator Dan Dorman. You urged the NRC to reject Entergy Nuclear Operations' request to delay full implementation of its cybersecurity program at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station.

Entergy successfully implemented its interim cybersecurity program milestones for Pilgrim in December 2012. The interim milestone activities mitigate the most significant threat vectors for the most significant critical digital assets. The NRC inspected the licensee's interim milestone implementation in January 2015 and found it to be adequate.

The agency is currently evaluating Entergy's request to extend the Pilgrim cyber security full implementation date to December 2020. This evaluation will consider applicable requirements to assess whether the requested license amendment would impact the common defense and security or the health and safety of the public. Apart from the decision on the request, the NRC will continue to monitor the licensee's implementation of the interim milestones.

Thank you for your interest in our cyber-related activities, and please be assured that protection of public health and safety remains the NRC's highest priority. If you need any additional information, please contact me or Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

/RA by Frederick D. Brown/

Victor M. McCree
Executive Director
for Operations

RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM KEATING REQUEST TO REJECT THE EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY REQUIREMENTS AT THE PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION DATED: August 10, 2017

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