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General Comment

As a resident within the 10-mile emergency evacuation zone, I am very concerned with the safety and cost of the decommissioning process for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generation plant. After reading all the ongoing articles about this process and license transfer, I have several common-sense comments I want to present. As for the cost, currently the decommissioning cost lies somewhere between the estimates of 1.4 billion and 885 million in 2018 dollars. Assuming that Holtec Decommissioning International and its joint venture partner, Comprehensive Decommissioning International will try to maximize their profit as all businesses do, and in view of the potential funding shortfall and the length of time required, notwithstanding unanticipated safety issues, there needs to be additional provisions incorporated into the sale and decommissioning process. The only way I see avoiding safety and cost issues and the responsibility for them is to incorporate in the transfer(s) a cost sharing basis for any eventual costs exceeding the decommissioning fund to be shared among Exelon Corporation, Holtec Decommissioning International and Comprehensive Decommissioning International, their licensees or subcontractors. Should any of those parties default or go bankrupt, their share would have to be picked up by the originating organization. This would prevent any protracted period of decommissioning for increased profit and keep all costs and safety issues among the responsible contracted parties. As for the dry cask storage, it is obviously imperative that all safety precautions are taken up front and the responsibility for any accidents or any unanticipated events that may occur are the sole responsibility of those parties.