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RE: Docket ID NRC-2018-0279 Pilgrim Nuclear: Consideration of Approval of Transfer of License and Conforming Amendment

Both the Attorney General of Massachusetts and Pilgrim Watch have filed a Petition for Leave to Intervene and Hearing Request Leave to Intervene and Hearing Request in Docket No. 50-293 & 72-1044. We write in support of this petition.

We live in Truro on Cape Cod, across the bay from Pilgrim nuclear plant, which on a clear day we can see from our house. We are relieved that at long last this troubled nuclear facility will soon be closing, and are keeping our fingers crossed that no more mishaps will occur there prior to the cessation of electric generation.

But when the plant closes, our worries will not be over; we will still face dangers to people living in the region and to our land, sea, and air environment. During decommissioning--and for many decades beyond--we will live under financial and environmental threat that the NRC must address thoroughly before the process goes forward. It is incumbent on you not only to guarantee our safety, but to make sure that the residents of Massachusetts (and beyond) are not left holding the bag for any of the enormous expense of decommissioning and decontamination of the Pilgrim site.

We concur in and supports the contentions, bases and facts brought forward in the petitions both petitions, and submit that:

- \* There is insufficient evidence to provide reasonable assurance that there are sufficient funds to decommission the site, risking leaving the Commonwealth as the payer of last resort.
- \* The NRC agrees that a shortfall in funding would place public health, safety and the environment at risk.
- \* Pilgrim Station has a long history of poor management.
- \* In order to accurately determine decommissioning costs and identify what requires cleaning up in order to protect public health, safety and the environment, a thorough site analysis must be performed at the beginning of the decommissioning process.
- \* Pilgrim's location is unique - all communities facing Cape Cod Bay require a clean

environment, and Cape Cod Bay drains into Massachusetts Bay.

\* Previous documents do not bound environmental impact, and NEPA requires an analysis, as decommissioning is a major federal action.<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

In the interest of safety and immunity from financial risk, we want a full hearing on the above contentions and appreciate the opportunity to provide input into this process.

Sincerely,

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