



SECRETARY

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

March 12, 2019

The Honorable Maura Healey
Attorney General
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Dear Attorney General Healey:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of March 10, 2019, to Chairman Svinicki regarding NextEra Energy Seabrook's (Seabrook) requests for a license amendment and renewal of Seabrook's operating license for an additional twenty-year term. Your letter requests that the Chairman delay action on both the license amendment and the license renewal requests for Seabrook until the pending adjudicatory hearing has been completed.

As you know, the license amendment application is the subject of a current adjudication with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB). Under agency regulations, the Commission has an appellate role in adjudications pending before the ASLB. Additionally, C-10 Research and Education Foundation (C-10) filed an emergency petition with the Commission on February 13, 2019, which remains pending before the Commission.

Because of these matters, the Commission must remain impartial during the pendency of the proceedings. It would be inappropriate at this time for the Commission to discuss or comment on issues involved in these matters.

A copy of your letter and this response will be served on the participants in the Seabrook license amendment proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Vietti-Cook" with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook