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I write today to again express my support for the re-licensing of Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant. As New England's economy continues to move from our traditional reliance on fossil fuels to cleaner energy sources, Seabrook has an on-going role to play by providing dependable energy at an affordable price without polluting New Hampshire's air.

Seabrook has been routinely recognized as one of the country's top plants. By providing around-the-clock clean energy to 1.4 million businesses and households, Seabrook plays an important role in maintaining New Hampshire's economic momentum while reducing carbon emissions by nearly 4 million tons a year.

The role that Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant plays as an employer also represents a crucial contribution to New Hampshire's economy. Between employing a workforce of about 500 workers directly and the nearly 2000 created by Seabrook's economic activity, the plant's payroll and impact offers a dependable and source of jobs and tax revenue. Those that are employed directly by Seabrook earn on average more than twice the average wage for workers in Rockingham and Stafford counties.

Further, the renewal of this license means that Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant will continue to act as an economic engine for the Seacoast for decades to come. At a time when we are struggling to keep young people in New Hampshire, Seabrook will continue to act a source for jobs that can support a family, offer generous benefits, and provide a pension.

Finally, as the president of the New Hampshire AFL-CIO, my greatest concern is that New Hampshire's workers have safe workplaces in which to earn their livings. The management of Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant has earned the confidence of their employees and organizations - like the NH AFL-CIO - that represent them. For these reasons and many more, I fully support the re-licensing of Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant and urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Glenn Brackett
President, New Hampshire AFL-CIO



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

April 24, 2019

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Region I

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Region I

To Whom It May Concern,

As you conduct your annual assessment, I am confident you will find a demonstrated and strong history of safety at Seabrook Station. The many woman and men who work daily at the station pride themselves on their professionalism and hard work. Seabrook Station has consistently valued the safety of its workers and the residents of the surrounding communities.

The matter of safety has undergone extensive deliberation through more than 15 public hearings related to Seabrook's license renewal and the alkali-silica reaction in sections of the plant's concrete, commonly referred to as ASR. In December 2018, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, which advises the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), endorsed NextEra's ASR monitoring programs on a scientific basis and recommended that Seabrook's be issued a renewed operating license.

As determined by the Reactor Safeguards advisory committee, Seabrook Station remains in good operating condition. Seabrook, one of only two nuclear stations without plans to retire in New England, is capable of delivering more than a gigawatt of clean, emission free energy. This carbon-free electricity offsets approximately 4 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions each year.

Seabrook station is an important source of economic activity for New Hampshire, stimulating more than \$535 million in economic growth. Seabrook station creates more than 650 direct jobs, while supporting more than 2,600 jobs across all sectors of the state and regional economy. This is in addition to tax revenues paid by the plant, further benefiting all Granite Staters.

I ask for your thoughtful consideration of these important issues as you conduct your assessment of Seabrook Station.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor



The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

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April 24, 2019

Mr. Brice Brickett, Chief
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I

Re: US NRC's Public Meeting – 4/24/19

Dear Mr Brickett:

Please accept this correspondence in support of how NextEra Energy has been operating Seabrook Station in Seabrook, New Hampshire this past year as well as for the last 30 years. It is my understanding that your April 24th meeting is an annual review for the safety performance at Seabrook Station in 2018 and to hear from the NRC and FEMA on emergency preparedness at Seabrook Station.

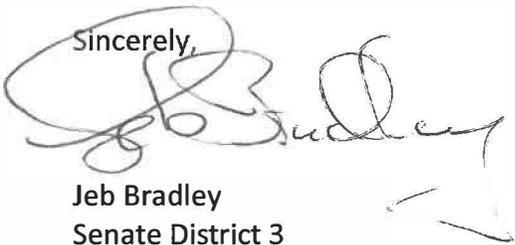
As a State Senator from District 3 and a former Congressman for the district that Seabrook Station is located in, I am very familiar with energy issues generally and Seabrook Station, specifically. I have been intimately involved in the development of public policy issues in the energy field for the last 25 years and have been continually impressed with the operations of Seabrook Station during that time.

Over the last year, it is my understanding that Seabrook Station's one demerit was a "green" finding, which had no safety implications and in layman's terms would equate to a parking ticket. For a multi-billion dollar facility that operates on a 24/7/365 days per year schedule, I would classify such a performance as extraordinarily remarkable.

On top of this remarkable record, the operators of Seabrook Station continue to produce clean, carbon-free energy at a low cost while supplying the region hundreds of jobs and strengthening the local economy. Despite some of the perceived tumult that garners some press, the State of New Hampshire is fortunate to have this facility here.

I was pleased to learn that Seabrook Station has been issued its renewed license for 20 additional years of operation in 2030 because this facility has operated safely while conducting itself in a transparent manner. A clear example of this transparency was its self-reporting of the ASR issue about 10 years ago that brought on the subsequent testing and scrutiny it has been appropriately subject to, ensuring that Seabrook Station may continue to operate safely. I have been impressed with the work of all parties during the ASR license amendment process and the eventual license renewal.

In closing, it is clear that Seabrook Station's safety record speaks for itself. It is exemplary and it offers confidence to the people of NH to know that the operators of this facility are working day and night, as a team and with regulators, to provide energy, jobs and a positive economic record to the region in a safe and reliable manner.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bradley
Senate District 3

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Statement from Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) on the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station

April 24, 2019

“The Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s recent approval of both the license amendment and the license renewal for Seabrook Nuclear Power Station for another 20 years—in spite of the fact that the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has yet to hold an evidentiary hearing on concerns over whether NextEra is using adequate testing to determine their monitoring, acceptance criteria, and inspection intervals at Seabrook—makes absolutely no sense. The local community has every right to be frustrated and concerned by the NRC putting the cart before the horse and approving this plan before holding the scheduled hearing. It is of paramount importance to ensure that the Seabrook Station is operating safely and with an appropriate management plan for the degradation of concrete at the plant.

“The latest annual assessment for Seabrook shows only one more planned assessment of the degraded concrete, with no other samples planned beyond 2019. Over time, the structural damage to the facility is only likely to increase. The NRC should under no circumstances cede its inspection authority to the company, and it must continue to assess the integrity of the plant’s concrete. In the case of uncertainty, we need more vigilance and transparency—not less.”