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## General Comment

Given the concern about Climate Change which threatens our planet and our way of life, I find it of utmost concern that we preserve all sources of low-greenhouse-gas-emissions energy including Nuclear Power Plants.

It is also known that market competition for electricity generation, particularly the Natural Gas industry, is foaming at the mouth for the opportunity to cut down its competition permanently so they may take over the electricity market with their CO<sub>2</sub>-polluting fossil fuels.

By allowing Nuclear Power Plants to be decommissioned but NOT recommissioned, the NRC has allowed the Natural Gas market an important instrument of leverage for cornering their market to the detriment of society at large. Currently cheap Natural Gas, funded by debt in large, is used to undercut the economic viability of multiple Nuclear Power Plants and drive them out of business, thereby bringing them offline.

In addition to concerns over CO2 emissions, the shuttering of Nuclear Power Plants allow older fossil fuel plants with "grandfathered" and inadequate emissions control systems to pollute our environment and raise the rates of cancer and respiratory disease among populations located near coal-fired power plants.

I urge the NRC to proceed with allowing a process for recommissioning Nuclear Power Plants so we may gain back some of our low-emissions electricity sources, lowering or eliminating the need for Coal and Natural Gas-fired generation. In the interest of improving public health and safety, I assert Nuclear Power Plants operated properly under the watchfulness of the NRC provide a significant improvement of public safety over the state of affairs where Coal and Natural Gas-fired power plants are allowed to operate with contemporary emissions controls.