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SUBJECT: PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION – ACCEPTANCE OF REQUESTED
LICENSING ACTION RE: AMENDMENT REQUEST (EPID L-2020-LLA-0230)

Dear Ms. Cowan:

By letter dated October 5, 2020 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession (ADAMS) No. [ML20283A292](#)), Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC (HDI) submitted a license application request (LAR) seeking U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review and approval the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station Physical Security Plan revision and license amendment application to incorporate alternative measures.

On November 18, 2020, the NRC requested supplemental information (ADAMS Accession No. [ML20322A277](#)) no later than December 10, 2020, to enable the NRC staff to make an independent assessment regarding the acceptability of the proposed changes in terms of regulatory requirements for the protection of public health and safety and the environment. On December 10, 2020 (ADAMS Accession No. [ML20346A047](#)), HDI submitted its response and committed to submit all outstanding evaluations by February 25, 2021

The NRC determined that the application is now accepted for technical review and will begin its review on all parts of the application except for the physical security engineering and other evaluations that HDI committed to submit by February 25, 2021. It was the NRC's intention to issue a review schedule within 30 days of docketing your application. However, supplemental information was needed in the physical security engineering evaluation area in order to develop a complete and integrated review schedule. The NRC staff will establish a detailed review for issuance of the final safety evaluation report which will support making a final determination on your request after receiving the above submittals.

However, we have established a partial review schedule. Given the lesser scope and depth of the acceptance review as compared to the detailed technical review, there may be instances in which issues that impact the NRC staff's ability to complete the detailed technical review are identified despite completion of an adequate acceptance review. If additional information is needed, you will be advised by separate correspondence. We intend to have the requests for additional information (RAIs) on the information that HDI has submitted to date issued by the end of January 2021 and we are planning on obtaining HDI RAI responses within 30 calendar days, as well as the requested evaluations by February 25, 2021.

Also, we intend to have a RAI clarification meeting with HDI after issuing the January RAIs. I will coordinate with HDI in early-January 2021 regarding logistics for such a meeting under Coronavirus Disease 2019 protocols.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact, me at (301) 415-6822.

Sincerely,

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