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General Comment

I am writing in favor of the proposed license extensions. These reactors provide critical 100% carbon free electricity. If they are turned off, the power will need to be replaced by some other source - likely natural gas or "renewables". Natural gas emits considerable greenhouse gases. "Renewables" such as wind and solar consume large amounts of land, are intermittent and negatively affect migratory birds and other species. The intermittency MUST be solved in order to provide 24/7 power. Advocates consider battery backup to be an effective solution - however, battery production rely on heavy mining operations to extract the required cobalt, lithium and rare earth minerals. In addition to those mining practices being environmentally destructive, the materials are nearly 100% imported - most from countries with child/slave labor and poor human rights records. The complete environmental footprint of replacement power - back to the mineral extraction, refinement and shipment - needs to be considered in any comparative impact of power sources. The existing NPPs suffer none of these problems and provide a significant number of quality, high paying jobs to the community.