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General Comment

To Whom it May Concern:

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For 50 years Palisades has helped provide Michigan manufacturers with safe, clean, and reliable electricity. With Entergy's business decision to permanently close the facility in 2022, the important work will soon begin to restore the site to federal standards in a safe and timely manner under the watchful eye of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Entergy owns and operates one of the nation's largest groups of nuclear power plants, bringing the expertise and operating experience to run those facilities safely and reliably. Entergy's decision to transition to Holtec could reduce the decommissioning timeline from 60 to 19 years.

Holtec specializes in the management and storage of spent nuclear fuel and can leverage the technical expertise and resources through their joint venture Comprehensive Decommissioning International to accomplish this work much sooner. They are currently working on several decommissioning projects around the country. Their 19-year decommissioning timeline paves the way for site cleanup and reuse generations earlier and is realistic based on their current decommissioning success at other locations.

NRC approval of the Palisades license transfer supports a clean environment and an opportunity for economic redevelopment and enhancement of Michigan's competitiveness.

The full letter is attached - Attachment1MMA.pdf

Attachments

Attachment1MMA

March 5, 2021

Secretary
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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RE: Docket NRC-2021-0036: Proposed Sale and License Transfer of Palisades Power Plant

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mike Johnston
Vice President of Government Affairs