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In the Matter of: :

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., : Docket Nos.

Entergy Nuclear Palisades, LLC, : 50-255-LT-2

Holtec International, and : 50-155-LT-2

Holtec Decommissioning : 72-007-LT

International, LLC : 72-043-LT-2

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(1:00 p.m.)

JUDGE GIBSON: Good afternoon. This is Judge Gibson with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

We are here today for a status conference on the following matters: Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., Docket Number 50-255-LT-2; Entergy Nuclear Palisades, LLC, Docket Number 50-155-LT-2; Holtec International, Docket Number 72-007-LT; and Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC, Docket Number 72-043-LT-2.

This call is being transcribed, and the transcript will be available on the NRC website in a few days.

To help the Court Reporter, please identify yourself before speaking. Additionally, we have made a listen-only telephone line available to the public.

Now I would like to have announcements of counsel, starting first with the Entergy entities.

MS. LEIDICH: Hello. This is Anne Leidich from Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, representing Entergy. We also have Dave Lewis of Pillsbury on the line and Susan Raimo of Entergy.

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1 JUDGE GIBSON: Thank you.

2 For the Holtec entities?

3 MR. TOMPKINS: Good afternoon. This is  
4 Jason Tompkins, representing the Holtec entities, and  
5 I have with me Alan Lovett and Adam Israel.

6 JUDGE GIBSON: Thank you.

7 For the State of Michigan's Attorney  
8 General?

9 MR. MOODY: Hello, Judge. This is Michael  
10 Moody from the Michigan Attorney General's Office, and  
11 I have with me Joel King also from my office.

12 JUDGE GIBSON: Thank you.

13 And for the NRC Staff?

14 MR. WACHUTKA: Hello. This is Jeremy  
15 Wachutka, representing the NRC staff, along with Anita  
16 Ghosh Naber.

17 JUDGE GIBSON: Thank you.

18 This should be a very brief conference.  
19 As you know, Judge Ryerson has presided over this  
20 matter since its outset, but I am going to be taking  
21 over for him, which is no small task because he has  
22 done a superb job to this point.

23 But long before I was assigned to this  
24 matter, I had committed to attend a couple of events  
25 away from D.C. during the first week of February, and

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1 it would certainly be beneficial to me if we could  
2 slip the commencement of our evidentiary hearing by  
3 one week. So instead of holding this hearing during  
4 the week of February 6, it would be ideal for me if we  
5 could move it to the week of February 13.

6 But before we do that, I wanted to convene  
7 a status conference to make sure that this change is  
8 not going to work a hardship for any of you or your  
9 witnesses.

10 So beginning with the Entergy entities,  
11 can you make the week of February 13 work for you and  
12 your witnesses?

13 MS. LEIDICH: At Entergy, yes, we can.

14 JUDGE GIBSON: Great.

15 How about for the Holtec entities, can you  
16 make the week of February 13 work for you and your  
17 witnesses?

18 MR. TOMPKINS: This is Jason Tompkins. We  
19 have some conflicts, both with counsel and our  
20 witnesses, the week of the 13th. I'll also add that  
21 we conferred with Mr. Moody prior to this conference  
22 and understand that he may also have conflicts that  
23 week.

24 And so we also conferred with Entergy and  
25 Mr. Moody about other times that would -- that would

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1 work if we could not do the week of the 13th, and the  
2 following week, the week of the 20th, I believe  
3 worked for us, Entergy, and the Michigan Attorney  
4 General.

5 JUDGE GIBSON: Okay. Well, as you know,  
6 we are sort of on a rocket docket that the Commission  
7 put us on, and I guess what we may need to do instead  
8 is start this on Wednesday, the 8th. That will work,  
9 I assume, since you all are blocked off that week  
10 anyway?

11 MR. TOMPKINS: I believe -- I believe it  
12 would. We currently have that entire week blocked as  
13 far as I -- as far as I know.

14 JUDGE GIBSON: Right. Is that -- is that  
15 okay with everyone else?

16 MS. LEIDICH: That would work for Entergy.

17 JUDGE GIBSON: Okay.

18 MR. MOODY: That would work for the  
19 Attorney General.

20 JUDGE GIBSON: Okay. Very well.

21 MR. WACHUTKA: And for NRC staff.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Great.  
23 Okay. Well, what we'll do then is we will start on --  
24 I will just juggle my schedule, and we'll make that  
25 work. So we'll start on Wednesday, the 8th, at 10:00,

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1 and so that takes care of that. There will be no  
2 other changes to the scheduling order.

3 But before we conclude the status  
4 conference, and since we're all together, I guess I  
5 should ask if there was any other matter that you all  
6 need to bring to my attention at this time.

7 Hearing none, I guess we're good to go.

8 So I think that's going to conclude our  
9 status conference, and we will see you all on the 10th  
10 at -- on the 8th at 10:00 and get started on this  
11 proceeding.

12 I look forward to working with all of you.  
13 Thank you so much.

14 MR. TOMPKINS: Thank you.

15 MS. LEIDICH: Thank you.

16 (Whereupon, the proceedings in the above-  
17 entitled matter went off the record at  
18 1:07 p.m.)

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