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The Honorable Bill Huizenga
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Huizenga:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your December 15, 2023, letter regarding Holtec's efforts to restart Palisades Nuclear Power Plant (Palisades) in Covert, Michigan.

Holtec's federal loan application to repower Palisades has been submitted to the Department of Energy for its consideration. The NRC is an independent nuclear safety regulatory body and its role is to determine whether to reauthorize power operations at Palisades by verifying that Holtec has met all applicable requirements. The NRC will ensure safety and security through its review of Holtec's licensing requests as well as through the ongoing Reactor Oversight Process.

Holtec has submitted several licensing requests to support restarting Palisades, and more are anticipated. While this is a first-of-a-kind review, the NRC understands Holtec's current timeline to restart the plant and will perform its licensing and oversight duties in a timely manner.

I appreciate your letter and the interest in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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