August 22, 2019

Mr. A. Christopher Bakken, III
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SUBJECT: PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION—ORDER APPROVING DIRECT AND INDIRECT TRANSFER OF LICENSE AND CONFORMING LICENSE AMENDMENT (EPID L-2018-LLO-0003)

Dear Mr. Bakken:

By letter dated November 16, 2018 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML18320A031), as supplemented by letters dated November 16, 2018, April 17, 2019, and July 29, 2019 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML18320A040, ML19109A177, and ML19210E470, respectively), Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (ENOI), on behalf of itself and Entergy Nuclear Generation Company (ENGc) (to be known as Holtec Pilgrim, LLC), Holtec International (Holtec), and Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC (HDI) (collectively referred to as “Applicants”), requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) consent to (1) the indirect transfer of control of the Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-35 for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (Pilgrim), as well as the general license for the Pilgrim Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation, to Holtec; and (2) the direct transfer of ENOI’s operating authority to HDI. The Applicants also requested that the NRC approve a conforming administrative amendment to the facility license to reflect the proposed direct transfer of the licenses from ENOI to HDI and the planned name change from ENGc to Holtec Pilgrim, LLC.

The Applicants requested that the NRC consent to the transfer of the licensed possession, maintenance, and decommissioning authorities to Holtec Pilgrim, LLC, to implement expedited decommissioning at Pilgrim. The Applicants also requested approval of a conforming amendment to the license under Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.80, “Transfer of Licenses,” and 10 CFR 50.90, “Application for Amendment of License, Construction Permit, or Early Site Permit.”

The NRC staff has completed its review of the Pilgrim license transfer application. Enclosure 1 is the Order, which provides consent to the direct and indirect license transfer, subject to the conditions described therein. The Order also approves the draft conforming license amendment for Pilgrim (Enclosure 2), which will be issued and made effective at the time the license transfer is completed. Enclosure 3 is the NRC staff’s safety evaluation related to these actions. The NRC staff will place the safety evaluation in the NRC public document room and add it to the ADAMS Publicly Available Records System Library.
A copy of the Order has been forwarded to the Office of the *Federal Register* for publication.

If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact me at (301) 415-2855 or via e-mail at Scott.Wall@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-293 and 72-1044

Enclosures:
1. Order
2. Draft Conforming Amendment to
   Renewed License No. DPR-35
3. Safety Evaluation

cc: Listserv
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