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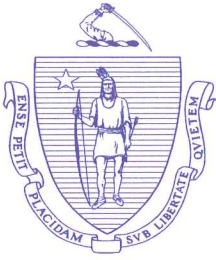
John Dent, Site Vice President
Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
600 Rocky Hill Road
Plymouth, MA 02360

Dear Mr. Dent:

I write with concern over the operational issues revealed during a recent inspection by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that have caused the NRC to transition the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station into the Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone Column, or Column 4. Most particularly, I am troubled by the NRC's determination that Entergy, the owner and operator of the facility, has failed to take appropriate corrective actions to address the causes of several unplanned shutdowns dating back to 2013. While I am reassured by the NRC's decision that Pilgrim Station continues to operate safely and that the specific issues are of low to moderate safety significance, I nonetheless urge Entergy to take all steps necessary to perform an appropriate root cause analysis of the shutdowns and to complete all necessary repairs and corrective actions.

The Pilgrim Power Station plays a significant role in our region's fuel mix and the economy of Southeast Massachusetts. With that said, the most important task at hand is for Entergy to ensure the safety of the plant's operations and that of all of the residents of the Commonwealth that live within proximity to the plant. Entergy should use this ruling, and subsequent inspections, to make certain that the plant meets the highest safety standards and that every aspect of its operations are in compliance with all of the rules and regulations of the NRC. We cannot risk the wellbeing of the residents of the Commonwealth and I thank Entergy for working with the NRC to ensure complete compliance moving forward.

The NRC has been stringent and straightforward in the enforcement of its rules and regulations and has implemented a more vigorous inspection and compliance program at Pilgrim, and I ask that it pay close attention to future inspections and respond with swift action if it finds additional violations. I also ask that Entergy work closely with my administration to make sure



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that we, and the residents of the Commonwealth, have access to the most up to date and accurate information about the corrective actions that will be taken to ensure the public's safety.

I thank you for your long tenure of safe operation in the Commonwealth and for taking action to ensure a continued safe presence in Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles D. Baker
Governor

cc: Dan Dorman, NRC Region 1 Administrator