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LICENSING BOARD TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT IN PILGRIM LICENSE RENEWAL PROCEEDING

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, an independent judicial arm of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, will hear oral arguments in the Pilgrim nuclear power plant license renewal proceeding on July 6 and 7, in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The oral arguments are scheduled to be heard at the Radisson Plymouth Harbor Hotel, 180 Water Street, in Plymouth. Oral arguments will begin at 9:30 a.m. on July 6 and adjourn at 5:00. If necessary, it will continue the next day beginning at 9:00 a.m. The sessions will be open for public observation.

The Board will also receive comments from interested members of the public, known as limited appearance statements, in a session on July 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the same location. Speakers will be allotted approximately 5 minutes each for their statements.

Anyone wishing to submit a written limited appearance statement may do so by email to both hearingdocket@nrc.gov and amy@nrc.gov. Or by mail to the following addresses: Office of the Secretary, Attn. Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff, Mail Stop: O-16C1, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and Administrative Judge Ann Marshall Young, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop: T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Requests for a hearing and petitions to intervene were submitted by Pilgrim Watch and the Massachusetts Attorney General on May 25 and 26 respectively. The Board will hear oral arguments on the admissibility of the issues raised in these filings and whether an evidentiary hearing should be granted on them.

Entergy submitted its application for a 20-year license renewal for Pilgrim on January 25. The plant's NRC license is due to expire on June 8, 2012. Documents related to the license renewal application are available on the NRC's web site at:

www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/pilgrim.html.

Documents in the Licensing Board proceeding are available in the NRC's online document library at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html> .

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