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MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**ARIC NESBITT**  
MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

December 9, 2016

John Bear  
President and CEO, MISO  
PO Box 4202  
Carmel, IN 46082

Dear Mr. Bear,

I write to you today to ask that MISO reject Consumers Energy and Entergy's plans to prematurely terminate their Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant.

The announcement by Entergy of the premature closing of the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant is not just a sucker punch to the hard-working employees and to our community, but it also puts the MISO region and Michigan's energy reliability at tremendous risk. As you know, Palisades currently produces over 800 megawatts of carbon free electricity and is licensed to operate into the 2030s and has a PPA through 2022. It is a stable and important source of electricity that benefits all of MISO.

This announcement further threatens Michigan's electric reliability. MISO is well aware that our state faces serious reliability issues in the near term, with it being a very real possibility that Michigan would be dark in ten years if we fail to address these issues. These issues exist without Palisades going offline in 2018. We now face an even more perilous situation.

It is imperative that MISO rejects this premature termination and protects electricity reliability for all Michiganders. This is not just a horrible decision for our local families, but it is also the wrong decision for Michigan's energy future and for all customers in MISO. Approval of this early termination would be unbelievably ill advised. I implore MISO to reject this request.

Warm regards,

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

Aric Nesbitt  
State Representative  
District 66