

August 5, 2024

Dear Members of the Utilities Committee:

It is becoming much more likely that the Federal and Michigan governments are seeking to re-start the Palisades Nuclear Plant by August 2025 in an effort to address the shortfall in electric supply given accelerated plant closures like the Campbell plant, such as indicated at <https://www.mlive.com/education/2024/07/closed-nuclear-plants-readiness-to-restart-focus-of-next-public-meeting.html> . Given this increasingly likely path, I am having to amend my requested letter to what now is at: <https://savethecampbell.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/request-to-delay-the-closure-of-Campbell-plant.pdf> .

I had hoped this rapid re-start of Palisades would not be the course followed, given how it ratchets up the risks greatly, combined with increasing the costs significantly, yet does not provide the reliability that is commonly associated with nuclear plants. SaveTheCampbell.com devotes a fair number of posts explaining just how dangerous this rapid re-start of Palisades is, such as <https://savethecampbell.com/it-is-looking-more-likely-that-rapid-re-commissioning-of-holtecs-palisades-plant-is-the-risky-and-expensive-government-response-to-campbell-plant-shutdown/> .

Sincerely,

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