

Rep. Nesbitt offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 410.

A resolution to urge the Michigan Public Service Commission to reject the premature termination of the power purchase agreement between Entergy and Consumers Energy for the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant.

Whereas, The Palisades Nuclear Power Plant produces over 800 megawatts of virtually emission free energy and is licensed to operate into the 2030s with a power purchase agreement in place through 2022; and

Whereas, Entergy announced on December 8, 2016, that it agreed to the early termination of its power purchase agreement with Consumers Energy for the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant; and

Whereas, If the Michigan Public Service Commission approves the termination of the power purchase agreement, and federal regulators do not intervene, Entergy intends to close the plant early, in October 2018, leading to the loss of nearly 600 Michigan jobs; and

Whereas, The Palisades Nuclear Power Plant is a significant source of energy within our state and is important to continued electric reliability across Michigan. Michigan Public Service Commission Chairwoman Sally Talberg has testified in both houses of the Legislature that Michigan faces serious electric reliability issues in the near term, even with the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant online through 2022; and

Whereas, The Michigan Public Service Commission has an obligation to protect electric reliability in the state and it is clear the premature termination of this power purchase agreement would be detrimental to electric reliability in this state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Michigan Public Service Commission to reject the premature termination of the power purchase agreement between Entergy and Consumers Energy for the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Michigan, the commissioners of the Michigan Public Service Commission, the executive director of the Michigan Agency for Energy, and the chief executive officers of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Entergy Corporation, and Consumers Energy.