

Starting at 8:00 AM with a lively stand out, in the company of Diane Turco, Don Barton, Susan Carpenter, Margaret Stevens, Maxine Wolfset, Sarah Thatcher, and Arthur Dickinson, I greeted drivers passing by on Obrey Street outside the Plymouth Court House with our signs and banners to 'Close Pilgrim'. Paul Rifkin took photos of our supporters on the street.

Our pro bono lawyers, Jeff Feuer and Benjie Hiller, arrived at 9:00 and we entered the court. After a conference with the Assistant D. A., Jeff and Benjie met with Paul Rifkin and me to give us our options as far as going forward: we could plead out immediately or go forward with a trial. We asked questions about what a trial would look like. The likelihood of using the 'necessity defense' was slim. We have already had two trials with Cape Cod arrestees using that and each time the verdict was guilty.

I came to my decision to plead out and pay the fees because the purpose of this Mother's Day arrest was to bring the attention of our mutual goals of closing the aging and dangerous Pilgrim Nuclear Reactor to the South Shore communities and Boston. I felt that goal was not going to be helped via my going to trial. The original plan included arrests of two South Shore people; however that did not happen due to unforeseen complications. I feel that the time spent preparing for a trial, meeting with the lawyers, bringing in expert witnesses and getting supporters to the court could be better spent on other more productive activities such as our outreach with the people in Boston and the South Shore as well as Western Massachusetts and our actions at the State House.

Paul felt differently, so he is planning to go to trial. His next court appearance is September 9, 2015.

We greatly appreciate the time and energy both attorneys Jeff and Benjie put in for our work to close Pilgrim.

-Elaine Dickinson