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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
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Mr. David O'Brien
Commissioner
Vermont Department of Public Service
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SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE EXTENDED POWER UPRATE REQUEST

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I am responding to your letter of September 17, 2004, which made several requests regarding the proposed extended power uprate for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant. The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will be considering the uprate request after the NRC staff has completed its review. The ACRS expects to discuss the application first at a meeting of its Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomenon Subcommittee, and then at a subsequent regular Full Committee meeting.

The Committee's meetings are generally open to the public, and anyone who wishes to make a presentation on a subject under consideration is welcome to participate. Because of the interest in this matter in Vermont, we will ensure that you are aware of the schedule for these meetings so that you can plan to attend and contribute to the discussion. We are also considering your request to hold the Subcommittee meeting at a location close to the plant, so that the public can attend and observe how the Committee operates. The agendas for the Full Committee meetings include a broad range of issues that involve a much wider community of stakeholders, and it is unlikely that we would be able to hold a regular meeting of the Full Committee outside the NRC headquarters.

If you have any questions, please contact the ACRS staff member who is responsible for power uprate reviews, Mr. Ralph Caruso (301-415-8065).

Sincerely,

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Mario V. Bonaca
Chairman