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Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudication Staff

Subject: Proposed Rule: *Revision of Fee Schedules: Fee Recovery for FY 2003.*
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Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station¹ (Vermont Yankee) is pleased to submit comments in the above subject matter.

In general, Vermont Yankee supports and endorses the comments submitted by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the commercial nuclear power industry. NEI's comments focused on three important points. First, licensees should only be charged for expenditures related to licensee activities. Secondly, the NRC's overall budget should be reduced by more efficient use of resources resulting from the agency's revised regulatory approach. And finally, NRC fees should be clearly designated to allow the industry to provide comprehensive comments on the proposed rule. Vermont Yankee agrees with each of these points.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Vermont Yankee looks forward to increased agency efficiency and more effective use of resources from a reduced and more equitable fee structure.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. S. D. Floyd (Nuclear Energy Institute)
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