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TO:

Chairman Diaz

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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DESC:

ROUTING:

Upgrade in Power Production at Vermont Yankee

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CHAIRMAN REC'D
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Dear. Mr.. Diaz,

I live in Greenfield, MA and I am adamantly opposed to the up-rate being proposed for Vt. Yankee. This is an old plant with many problems, and it should be de-commissioned, not up rated and allowed to continue to operate. This is a seriously flawed proposal that places the lives of thousand of folks who live near this reactor in jeopardy. Even if an accident doesn't occur, the increased emissions could pose long-term health risks ~~and~~ among the populations nearby. And with the heightened threat of terrorism I am concerned this reactor would prove a convenient target should it be up rated and allowed to continue operating.

The evacuation plans for our area are ludicrous-people are supposed to go to Greenfield Community College, a location just outside the 10-mile radius, which has only one access road leading into the college. This would be a disaster should folks need to evacuate from the college as well-a likely possibility if the plant is up rated since an accident would be even more catastrophic and far reaching.

Arguments that closing the plant would result in layoffs and more workers on the unemployment rolls and result in higher electric bills for consumers just don't justify putting the health and safety of residents in surrounding areas at risk. Jobs could be created by creating alternatives to nuclear power to generate electricity and should be explored. And there is no guarantee rates would be cheaper. A decision of this significance should not be made on the basis of economics. Lives are at stake here.

Sincerely,

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