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Nils Diaz, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
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Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to you today regarding the August deadline for intervener status on the proposed power rate increase at Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. Several communities in my district, including the Town of Gill, would like to see the filing deadline extended.

I understand that the filing deadline for intervener status must be completed by late August. The difficulty with this deadline is that the design review that is currently in process will not be completed until *after* the deadline. This is a problem. Potential interveners and interested parties should have access to this design review *before* making a decision to intervene or not. The Governor of Vermont and that state's federal delegation have already requested an extension of the filing deadline, and their sentiments are now being echoed by communities in my district. I share this concern and would like to ask your full and fair consideration of their request to extend the deadline.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



John W. Olver  
Member of Congress

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