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TO:

Chairman Diaz

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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Dyer, NRR

DESC:

Vermont Yankee Uprate

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DATE: 03/30/06

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CONTACT:

NRR

Dyer

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Coordinate response with OGC. SECY to prepare  
Exparte response on behalf of Commission.

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Vermont Yankee

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SPECIAL HANDLING:

Refer to staff for response.....  
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NOTES:

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EDO....coordinate response with OGC

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Dr. Nils J. Diaz, Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Diaz,

As the elected State Legislators for the Massachusetts communities that lie within the 10 mile radius of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant and well within the area that could be impacted based on wind and weather patterns, we write to you today to express our continued concern regarding the uprate of the Vermont Yankee Plant.

For two years, we have been on the record asking for an independent safety assessment of this plant. We have asked that this be completed prior to any life extension of the Vernon Plant, and certainly prior to needed approval for the plant to increase power.

Our concerns were highlighted this past summer when the plant went into shutdown because of the failure of a transformer. The failure of this piece of equipment was due to its age. Age is the overriding concern for the entire plant.

This month, the NRC approved the uprate. The Plant increased power by 5% and had to stop because of an unexpected vibration in the steam line. Again, questions as to whether this aged plant can withstand extended life and increased power.

Our concerns are renewed this week because one of the members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has called for a re-examination of the uprate approval. Concern was expressed over the fact that the uprate has been approved and the process to increase power has already begun, even though appeals are pending and there are issues regarding the inspection that have yet to be resolved.

We have serious concerns about the integrity of this plant and the process that has led to the approval of the uprate license. When approval is granted while issues are still unresolved, we are given cause to question how truly independent the NRC's engineering assessment was.

Our overriding concern is the public safety of the people of Massachusetts and Southern Vermont. With the plant on hold at 105% due to vibration, and a Commissioner of the NRC calling the process into question, we feel the future of this plant and of the residents of Western Massachusetts are placed in needless jeopardy.

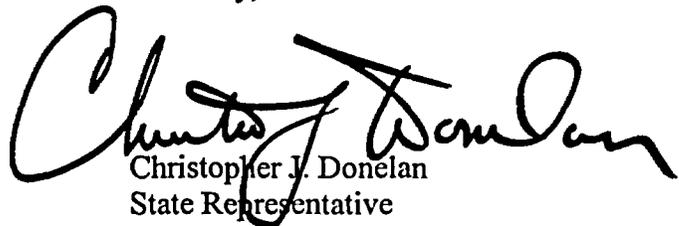
We ask again, for an independent safety assessment of The Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant. An assessment independent of Entergy Corp. and independent of The Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The public has the right to the assurance that this plant is safe, and the right to demand this process stop if the plant is deemed unsafe for increased power.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Stan Rosenberg  
State Senator



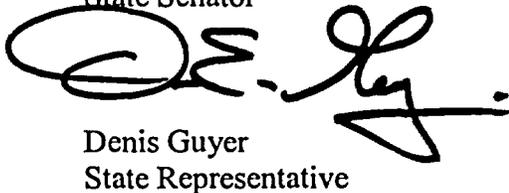
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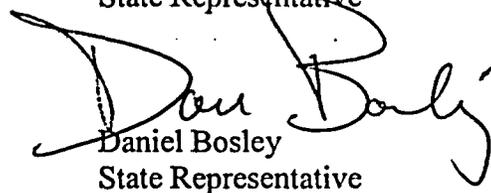
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