

June 14, 2006

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Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.
(Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station)
Docket No. 50-271-LR; ASLBP No. 06-849-03-LR

Dear Administrative Judges:

On June 5, 2006, The Vermont Department of Public Service ("DPS") served by electronic mail its "Notice Of Intent To Adopt Contentions and Motion For Leave To Be Allowed To Do So," dated June 5, 2006, and then served the same document by first class mail on June 6, 2005. Due to an error in the e-mail address, the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) did not receive (and was not aware of) that filing until yesterday when it received the hard copy sent by mail. After contacting SECY and reviewing the DPS email, it is apparent that OGC did not receive that filing because of a typo in the OGC mailing address (i.e., "OCG" instead of "OGC").

The undersigned counsel has informed Sarah Hofmann (DPS), David Lewis (Counsel for Licensee), Ronald Shems (Counsel for New England Coalition), and Matthew Brock (Assistant Attorney General for Massachusetts) of the address error and was told those representatives do not object to the Staff responding to the above-mentioned DPS filing based on the June 6, 2006 mailing date. Attempts to reach the Town of Marlboro Selectboard Chair, Callie B. Newton, proved unsuccessful.

Accordingly, this letter is to notify you that, in accordance with 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.306 and 2.323, the Staff plans to file its answer to the DPS filing within 15 days from June 6, 2006.

Sincerely,

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Mitzi A. Young
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)
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ENTERGY NUCLEAR VERMONT YANKEE)
L.L.C and ENTERGY NUCLEAR) Docket No. 50-271-LR
OPERATIONS, INC.)
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(Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station))

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the "Letter to Administrative Judges, dated June 14, 2006" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by electronic mail with copies by deposit in the NRC's internal mail system or, as indicated by an asterisk, by electronic mail with copies by U.S. mail, first class, or, as indicated by a double asterisk, by electronic mail with copies by overnight express mail, this 14th day of June 2006.

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