

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

On December 9, 2008, the NRC Staff filed a petition for review of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's partial initial decision, LBP-08-25 (Nov. 24, 2008). On December 17, 2008, intervenor New England Coalition filed a motion for reconsideration of the same decision with the Board. The Commission's practice under such circumstances is to hold the appellate proceeding in abeyance pending the Board's resolution of the motion for reconsideration. *See Public Service Co. of New Hampshire* (Seabrook Station, Units 1 and 2), ALAB-933, 31 NRC 491, 498 (1990); 10 C.F.R. § 2.341(b)(6). Therefore, pursuant to my authority under 10 C.F.R. § 2.346(e) and (j), the Staff's petition for review is hereby placed in abeyance until further order of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

(NRC SEAL)

For the Commission

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing ORDER OF THE SECRETARY (GRANTING THE NRC STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME), have been served upon the following persons by e-mail and first class mail or through NRC internal distribution in this license renewal proceeding.

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