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February 19, 2010

Vice President, Operations
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SUBJECT: ENTERGY NUCLEAR VERMONT YANKEE LLC'S STATUS OF
DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING ASSURANCE FOR VERMONT YANKEE
NUCLEAR POWER STATION (TAC NO. ME0583)

Dear Sir or Madam:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Kim".

James Kim, Project Manager
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-271

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