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Mr. Michael Colomb Site Vice President Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station 185 Old Ferry Road P.O. Box 500 Brattleboro, VT 05302-0500

SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL, VERMONT YANKEE

Dear Mr. Colomb:

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The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examinations in accordance with NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 9, Supplement 1, on December 17, 2010. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of November 29, 2010. This examination has undergone extensive review by my staff and representatives responsible for licensed operator training at your facility. Based on this review, I have concluded that the examination meets the guidelines of NUREG-1021 for content, operational, and discrimination validity. By administering this examination, you also agree that it meets NUREG 1021 guidelines, and is appropriate for measuring the qualifications of licensed operator applicants at your facility. If you determine that this examination is not appropriate for licensing operators at your facility, do not administer the examination and contact me at (610) 337-5046.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Joseph D'Antonio at (610) 337-5085, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Hansell, Jr., Chief

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