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December 11, 2015

Secretary

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Re: Docket ID NRC-2015-0070

Subject: Request for Comment Period Extension and Public Meetings

We are writing as members of the Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel. Vermont's nineteen member panel was formed by the Vermont legislature in 2014 in response to Entergy Corporation's announcement that it would close the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon, Vt.

We are pleased that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has begun the process of developing rules for the decommissioning of nuclear power reactors and look forward to taking part in the process. To that end, we are writing to request that the comment period for the recently published Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) be extended until at least February 4, 2016 and ask that the NRC hold public meetings in the communities where a plant decommissioning has begun or will in the near future.

The rulemaking will have a direct impact on the communities that host nuclear power plants. Therefore, it is important that the public has the opportunity to participate and has confidence that the process is open and inclusive.

Meetings held at the local level will give members of the public the chance to ask questions and get a better understanding of what the rulemaking will mean to them. The extension of the comment period will allow for adequate time to formulate meaningful comments – something made difficult by the publication date of the ANPR and the upcoming holidays.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to continued public engagement as the rulemaking process moves forward.

Sincerely,

David Andrews, *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*

Diane Becker, *Appointee of Gov. Maggie Hassan*

Chris Company, *Windham Regional Commission*

Rep. David Deen, *Appointee of Speaker of the House Shap Smith*

Dr. William Irwin, *Vermont Department of Health*

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Cc: Senator Patrick Leahy
Senator Bernie Sanders
Congressman Peter Welch

From: [Kate O'Connor](#)
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Attached please find a letter from the Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel requesting an extension of the comment period for Docket ID NRC-2015-0070.

Kate O'Connor

Chair

Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel

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Gentlemen:

Please consider the attached letter approved by the Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel at its December 10, 2015 meeting regarding the public comment period currently open on the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for Decommissioning Power Reactors. The letter requests an extension of the public comment period for at least 30 days beyond its current January 4, 2016 deadline. The letter also requests that public meetings on the ANPR be held in the vicinity of each currently decommissioning or soon to be decommissioning power reactor facility. With the rapidly approaching Christmas and New Year's holidays, it is the Panel's and my fervent hope that your decision to extend or not extend the public comment period is announced as soon as possible (and preferably before December 18).

Should you have any questions on the letter's requests, the Panel may be contacted either through me or through the Panel's email address noted in its letterhead.

Best regards,

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