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Ms. Kate O'Connor, Chair
Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning
Citizens Advisory Panel
P.O. Box 6206
Brattleboro, VT 05302

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

I am responding to your letter, on behalf of the Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel (NDCAP), dated February 1, 2017, to the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VY). Specifically, your letter requested that the NRC hold a public meeting close to VY to discuss the proposed sale and license transfer of VY to NorthStar Group Services, Inc. (NorthStar). In addition, your letter requests that the public meeting also include a discussion of the revised Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report and site-specific decommissioning cost estimate that will be submitted by NorthStar at a later date.

While the NRC's regulations do not require the NRC to hold a public meeting in response to the submittal of the license transfer request and documents described above, I agree that the citizens of Vermont and the neighboring states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire should have the opportunity to engage directly with representatives of the NRC on these topics.

On a February 23, 2017, phone call with you, members of my staff discussed the possibility of NRC participation in a NDCAP-sponsored public meeting in the vicinity of VY as a way to meet your request. My staff will work with you and the NDCAP to provide the public with an opportunity to engage with the NRC through such a meeting. The NRC's participation in your meeting will provide the public a vehicle to comment directly to the NRC on the proposed transfer of the VY license and revision of the decommissioning plans. The NRC will also have the meeting transcribed to serve as an official record of the meeting and any comments provided.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

I appreciate NDCAP's interest in matters involving the decommissioning of VY and your courtesy and cooperation in working with the NRC to fulfill this request for a public meeting on this important topic. My staff looks forward to continuing the dialogue with you and the NDCAP to identify a suitable meeting date in the next few months. If you need additional information, please contact the VY project manager, Mr. Jack Parrott, at (301) 415-6634 or Jack.Parrott@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Marc L. Dapas, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No. 50-271

cc: Vermont Yankee Listserv

SUBJECT: NRC RESPONSE TO THE VERMONT NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC MEETING ON THE VERMONT YANKEE LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST (DOCKET NO. 50-271, LICENSE NO. DPR-28) DATED APRIL 4, 2017

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