



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

February 15, 2011

The Honorable Peter Shumlin
Governor of Vermont
109 State Street, Pavilion
Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Governor Shumlin,

We are writing to offer our appreciation for your continued attention to the issues arising from the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant in Vernon. We noted you focused on Entergy's request to extend VY's operational license during the campaign and are pleased to see that you have maintained this rigorous approach in your new role as Governor.

We represent the western Massachusetts communities in Franklin and Hampshire Counties that are downwind and down river from the facility in Vernon. Our constituents have grown increasingly concerned about the potential for contamination arising from the reactor's continued operation. We recently read of your creation of a Reliability Oversight Committee in the Vermont Department of Public Service. We respectfully request that you consider adding ex officio, non-voting seats to the Reliability Oversight Committee to represent these downwind and down-river communities. We offer to assist you in filling those new seats by helping to find knowledgeable and appropriate representatives for the positions, including making ourselves available to participate on the committee.

As you may be aware, at the urging of our constituents and the delegation, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health will soon begin a testing program in Franklin and Hampshire County towns similar to the program MDPH uses for Entergy's Pilgrim Nuclear plant. We believe that ex officio seats on the Committee would be useful in helping our constituents connect this new data source with the issues involving Vermont Yankee's continued operation and that representative from our districts could provide insight to the Committee if the plant must cease operations. This is the same region that participated in the recent decommissioning of the Yankee Rowe facility.

As we are all too aware, the number of problems that have surfaced in the last few years, from the cooling tower collapses to the recent tritium releases, have highlighted the unsuitability of

this facility for license extension. This reactor is unfortunately showing its age, and for whatever reason, Entergy has been unable to anticipate and head off some troubling operational and facility problems at the plant. We applaud your creation of a Reliability Oversight Committee and hope you will give serious consideration to our proposal. We remain available to serve you on this issue in any way that you find suitable and hope you will call on us in the near future.

Sincerely,



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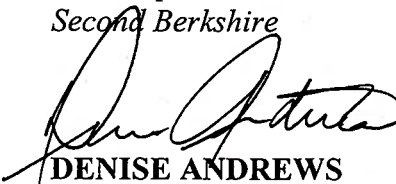
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