

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Joint Petition of NorthStar Decommissioning)
Holdings, LLC, NorthStar Nuclear)
Decommissioning Company, LLC, NorthStar)
Group Services, Inc., LVI Parent Corp., NorthStar)
Group Holdings, LLC, Entergy Nuclear Vermont)
Investment Company, LLC, and Entergy Nuclear) Docket No. 8880
Operations, Inc., and any other necessary)
affiliated entities to transfer ownership of Entergy)
Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, and for certain)
ancillary approvals, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 107,)
231, and 232)

JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

The Vermont Department of Public Service (“DPS”), the Agency of Natural Resources (“ANR”), and the Attorney General’s Office (“AGO”) (together, the “State Parties”), by their counsel, respectfully move for a brief stay of the evidentiary hearings on the Joint Petition in the above-captioned proceeding, currently scheduled for the weeks of January 22 and January 29, 2018.

On August 22, 2017, the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) entered the currently operative scheduling order in this proceeding, which set the evidentiary hearings for the weeks of January 22 and January 29, 2018.

In a letter dated January 5, 2018, the State Parties notified the Commission that they, as well as any other interested parties, were imminently scheduled to meet with Joint Petitioners to review the terms of an amended financial assurance proposal developed by Joint Petitioners. At that time the State Parties were not in a position to request action by the Commission. Also on January 5, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Rescheduled Hearing setting a public hearing for January 18, 2018.

The meeting referenced in the State Parties' January 5 filing took place on January 8, 2018. Follow-on discussions regarding the amended proposal are ongoing. To allow those negotiations to proceed and to permit all interested parties sufficient time to consider the amended proposal, the State Parties respectfully request that that the Commission withdraw the notice of hearing for the scheduled January 22 start date. Representatives for the State Parties contacted other parties and intervenors in the docket who had expressed an interest in review of the Joint Petitioners' amended proposal in advance of this filing. Representatives for the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution, Inc., the Windham Regional Commission, Conservation Law Foundation, Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi, and Elnu Abenaki Tribe have indicated that they favor additional time for those purposes. Representatives for Joint Petitioners NorthStar Decommissioning Holdings, LLC, NorthStar Group Holdings, LLC, LVI Parent Corp., NorthStar Group Services, Inc., NorthStar Nuclear Decommissioning Company, LLC, (collectively, "NorthStar"), Entergy Nuclear Vermont Investment Company, LLC, and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (collectively, "Entergy") indicated that they intend to file a response to this filing no later than the morning of January 12, 2018.

If this request is granted, the State Parties will submit a status report, not later than January 25, 2018, which will (i) set forth the status of the negotiations related to the amended proposal, and (ii) propose a schedule for further proceedings in this Docket, including rescheduled technical hearings.

Finally, the State Parties respectfully request that the Commission also reschedule the public hearing currently scheduled for January 18, 2018. The public is now on notice that negotiations are ongoing regarding an amended proposal; the State Parties submit that a rescheduled public hearing closer to the start of technical hearings would provide a better opportunity for members of the public to hear about and offer comments on the version of Joint

Petitioners' proposal that will be the subject of the subsequent proceedings, to the extent it differs from the current proposal.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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