

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 Operations, Inc., and) Docket No. 8880
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)

**ENERGY PETITIONERS’ REPLY IN SUPPORT OF THEIR OBJECTION TO THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION’S PROPOSED RETENTION OF A CONSULTANT**

Entergy Nuclear Vermont Investment Company, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (together, “Entergy Petitioners”) respectfully submit this reply in support of their objection to the Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) proposed retention of a consultant in this Docket.

Subsequent to the Entergy Petitioners’ filing of their objection on November 8, 2017, they learned that the Commission had provisionally (*i.e.*, subject to finalization of a contract) selected GDS Associates, and specifically Dr. William Jacobs, as the consultant. The Entergy Petitioners have since been able to review Dr. Jacobs’ past work and experience. The Entergy Petitioners are satisfied that Dr. Jacobs does not have a bias that would preclude him from serving as a consultant to the Commission in this Docket. Accordingly, the second portion of the Entergy Petitioners’ objection is now moot, and, as far as Entergy Petitioners are concerned, no further process is required before the Commission retains GDS Associates and Dr. Jacobs.

Entergy Petitioners continue to assert the first part of their objection, concerning making public GDS Associates’/Dr. Jacobs’ analyses and affording the parties an opportunity to depose

him and cross-examine him at the technical hearing. Such process does not, however, require postponing the technical hearing scheduled to begin on January 22, 2018. Entergy Petitioners respectfully suggest that the Commission add the following dates to the existing schedule:

January 11, 2018	GDS Associates/Dr. Jacobs file report
January 17 or 18, 2018	Deposition of GDS Associates/Dr. Jacobs

New York, New York

DATED: November 20, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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