

November 15, 2018

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Before the Commission

In the Matter of)	
)	
Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC,)	
Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., and)	Docket No. 50-271-LT-2
NorthStar Nuclear Decommissioning Company, LLC)	
)	
(Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station))	

SECOND JOINT STATUS REPORT

In furtherance of the Commission’s Memorandum and Order of April 12, 2018, CLI-18-03, Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc., on behalf of itself, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC (“ENVY”) and NorthStar Nuclear Decommissioning Company, LLC (together, “Applicants”), and on behalf of the State of Vermont and the New England Coalition (together, “Participants”), hereby submits this Second Joint Status Report. The Commission’s Memorandum and Order held the Participants’ hearing requests in this license transfer proceeding in abeyance based on Participants’ anticipated notices of withdrawal pursuant to a Settlement Agreement¹ and pending further notification from the Applicants or Participants. At the time, the Settlement Agreement permitted a party to withdraw from the Settlement Agreement upon ten days written notice if the Vermont Public Utility Commission, (“PUC”), which is reviewing the proposed sale of ENVY to NorthStar, materially altered the terms of the Settlement Agreement or did not issue an order approving the proposed sale by July 31, 2018. Consequently, the Commission’s Memorandum and Order required the Applicants and Participants to file a joint status report by no later than August 13, 2018.

On August 13, 2018, the Applicants and Participants filed their Joint Status Report, which informed the Commission that the PUC had announced—after recommendations from the Applicants regarding relative timing of a final order and briefing on the timing issue from the

¹ The Settlement Agreement was appended to the State of Vermont’s Notice of Anticipated Withdrawal of the State Petition for Leave to Intervene and Hearing Request (Mar. 7, 2018). An amendment to the Settlement Agreement was appended to the Joint Status Report (Aug. 13, 2018).

parties to the PUC proceeding—that it would not issue a final order until after the NRC did so, and that as a result, Applicants and the Participants had agreed to amend the Settlement Agreement to permit a party to withdraw from the Settlement Agreement upon ten days written notice if the PUC materially altered the terms of that Agreement or did not issue an order approving the proposed sale of ENVY by October 31, 2018. The Joint Status Report proposed submittal of a further joint status report by November 15, 2018.

On October 12, 2018, the NRC Staff issued its Order approving the license transfer required for the sale of ENVY to NorthStar.² Applicants notified the PUC and provided a copy of the NRC’s Order to the PUC that same day. On October 24, 2018, the PUC issued an Order styled, “Procedural Order Concerning Ruling by U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Related Party Filings.” The PUC’s Order indicates that the PUC does not anticipate any further process or proceedings prior to the issuance of its decision. The PUC Order also states that the PUC will seek to issue a decision in a timely manner but cannot commit to issue a decision by October 31, 2018 or within 30 days of notification of the NRC ruling as Applicants had proposed in various filings. The Applicants and Participants therefore further amended the Settlement Agreement. That amendment extends, from October 31, 2018, to November 30, 2018, the date after which a party may withdraw from the Settlement Agreement if a PUC decision has not yet been issued or has materially altered the terms of the Settlement Agreement. A copy of the amendment is attached.

The Applicants and Participants continue to support the sale of ENVY subject to the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement, which includes important mechanisms to ensure funding for and oversight of the work that will promptly decommission and restore the site of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. Therefore, the Applicants and Participants request that the Commission continue to hold the Participants’ hearing requests and intervention petitions in abeyance pending issuance of a PUC decision. Unless the PUC decision materially alters the terms of the Settlement Agreement to the material detriment of the Participants, the Participants anticipate that they will withdraw their NRC hearing requests and intervention petitions at that time. The Applicants and Participants will file a further joint status report by

² The Order, along with the Safety Evaluation and the conforming license amendments, is available in ADAMS at Accession No. ML18242A638.

December 15, 2018 if the PUC has not rendered its decision and/or the Participants have not withdrawn their NRC hearing requests and intervention petitions by that date.

The Participants have reviewed this Joint Status Report and authorized Applicants to submit it on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Executed in Accord with 10 C.F.R. § 2.304(d)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing “Second Joint Status Report” has been served through the NRC’s E-Filing System on the participants in the above-captioned proceeding, this 15th day of November, 2018.

Signed (electronically) by David R. Lewis
David R. Lewis

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October 30, 2018

VIA ePUC

Ms. Judith C. Whitney
Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
Peoples United Bank Building
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: Docket 8880: 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 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

Dear Ms. Whitney:

We represent Joint Petitioners in the above-captioned matter. The Public Utility Commission's Procedural Order dated October 24, 2018 stated, *inter alia*, that the Commission "will seek to issue a decision resolving this case in a timely manner but cannot commit to issue a decision in this matter by October 31, 2018 ... or within 30 days of notification of the NRC ruling" In light of this guidance, the parties to the memorandum of understanding ("MOU"; Ex. PUC-2) have entered into an amendment to that document, and a corresponding amendment to the settlement agreement among those same parties and the Vermont Department of Health. The amendment extends from October 31, 2018, to November 30, 2018, the date after which, if the Commission has not issued a decision, the parties have a right to withdraw from the MOU and Settlement Agreement. A true and correct copy of the amendment, with signature pages, is attached hereto.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

quinn emanuel urquhart & sullivan, llp

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sanford I. Weisburst". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sanford" and last name "Weisburst" clearly legible.

Sanford I. Weisburst

Encls.

Cc: Counsel of record (via ePUC)

AGREEMENT

This Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC (“ENVY”); Entergy Nuclear Vermont Investment Company, LLC (“ENVIC”); Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (“ENOI”) (together, “Entergy”); NorthStar Decommissioning Holdings, LLC; NorthStar Group Holdings, LLC; NorthStar Nuclear Decommissioning Company, LLC (“NorthStar NDC”); NorthStar Group Services, Inc.; LVI Parent Corp.; (together, “NorthStar”); the Vermont Department of Public Service (“DPS”); the Vermont Attorney General’s Office (“AGO”); the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (“ANR”); the Vermont Department of Health (“VDH”); the Elnu Abenaki Tribe, the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi; Windham Regional Commission; the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution, Inc.; and the Town of Vernon Planning and Economic Development Commission (collectively, “the Parties”).

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2018, the Parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) and a separate Settlement Agreement that all Parties except the AGO joined in full, and which the AGO joined as to certain provisions, including Paragraph 13.

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2018, the Parties amended that Paragraph 13 of the MOU and the Settlement Agreement to substitute “October 31, 2018” for “July 31, 2018.”

WHEREAS, Paragraph 13 of the MOU, as amended, reads:

“In the event that the PUC issues an order that does not approve the Proposed Transaction, or has not issued an order by October 31, 2018 that approves the Proposed Transaction, incorporates the terms and conditions of this MOU substantially in their entirety, and does not contain terms or conditions that materially alter, materially add to, or materially reject what is provided for by the MOU, each Party agrees that any Party may withdraw from the MOU. If any Party so determines in its sole discretion under these circumstances to withdraw, it shall provide written notice within ten (10) days of October 31, 2018, or the date the PUC issues its order, whereupon the withdrawing Party shall not be bound by the terms or conditions of the MOU and shall be placed in the position that it occupied before entering into this MOU.”

WHEREAS, Paragraph 13 of the Settlement Agreement reads:

“In the event that the PUC issues an order that does not approve the Proposed Transaction, or has not issued an order by October 31, 2018 that approves the Proposed Transaction, incorporates the terms and conditions of this Agreement substantially in their entirety, and does not contain terms or conditions that materially alter, materially add to, or materially reject what is provided for by the Agreement, each Party agrees that any Party may withdraw from the Agreement. If any Party so determines in its sole

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WHEREAS, since that amendment of the MOU and the Settlement Agreement, the PUC announced on October 24, 2018 that it may not be able to issue a final order in Docket 8880 until after approximately November 12, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to extend the date in Paragraph 13 of the MOU and the Settlement Agreement in light of this subsequent development.

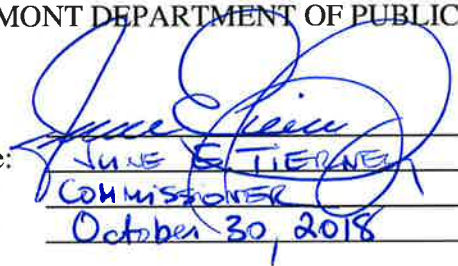
NOW, therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Paragraph 13 of the MOU and the Settlement Agreement is amended to replace “October 31, 2018,” with “November 30, 2018.”
2. This Agreement is effective as of the date of its signing by all Parties and, if signed after October 31, 2018, shall be retroactive to October 31, 2018.

[Signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties below enter into this Agreement as a sealed instrument. Each person signing this Agreement represents and warrants that he or she has been duly authorized to enter into this Agreement by the Party on whose behalf it is indicated that the person is signing.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

By: 
Name: JUNE S. TIERNEY
Title: COMMISSIONER
Date: October 30, 2018

VERMONT AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

VERMONT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

ENTERGY NUCLEAR VERMONT YANKEE, LLC


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By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

VERMONT AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By:  _____
Name: PETER WAUKE _____
Title: DEPUTY SECRETARY _____
Date: 10/20/18 _____

VERMONT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
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VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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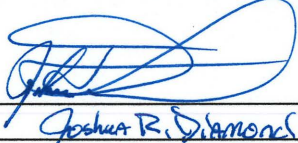
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VERMONT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____


Joshua R. Diamond
Deputy
10/11/18

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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VERMONT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

By: 
Name: Mark A. Levine
Title: Commissioner
Date: 10/30/18

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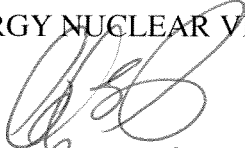
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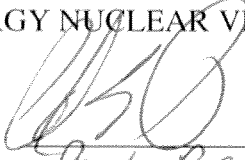
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ENTERGY NUCLEAR VERMONT YANKEE, LLC

By:  _____
Name: PAUL PARADIS
Title: PRESIDENT, ENY
Date: 10/30/18

ENTERGY NUCLEAR VERMONT INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC

By: 
Name: PAUL PARADIS
Title: PRESIDENT, ENVIL
Date: 10/30/18

ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

NORTHSTAR DECOMMISSIONING HOLDINGS, LLC

By: _____
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Date: _____

NORTHSTAR GROUP HOLDINGS, LLC

By: _____
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NORTHSTAR NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING COMPANY, LLC

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ENTERGY NUCLEAR VERMONT INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC

By: _____
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Title: _____
Date: _____

ENTERGY NUCLEAR OPERATIONS, INC.

By: 
Name: T. Michael Twomey
Title: Vice President
Date: Oct-30, 2018

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Title: _____
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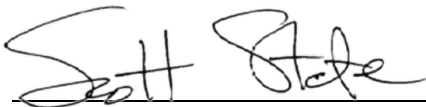
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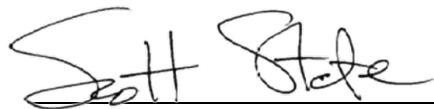
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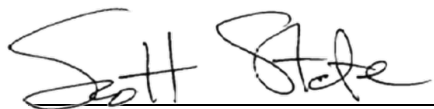
NORTHSTAR DECOMMISSIONING HOLDINGS, LLC

By:  _____
Name: Scott E. State
Title: CEO
Date: 10/30/2018

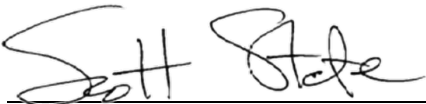
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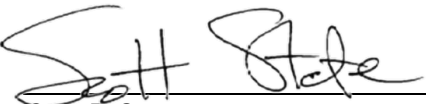
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Title: CEO
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NORTHSTAR GROUP SERVICES, INC.

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Title: CEO
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LVI PARENT CORP.

By: 
Name: Scott E. State
Title: CEO
Date: 10/30/2018

ELNU ABENAKI TRIBE

By: _____
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ABENAKI NATION OF MISSISQUOI

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ELNU ABENAKI TRIBE

By: Richard Holschuh
Name: Rich Holschuh
Title: Liaison for Elnu Abenaki Tribe
Date: Oct. 26, 2018

ABENAKI NATION OF MISSISQUOI

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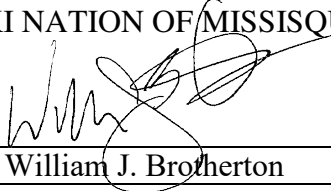
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ABENAKI NATION OF MISSISQUOI

By:  _____
Name: William J. Brotherton
Title: _____
Date: October 30, 2018

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By: _____
Name: L. Christopher Campary
Title: Executive Director
Date: 10/29/18

NEW ENGLAND COALITION ON NUCLEAR POLLUTION, INC.

By: James D. Moran
Name: James D. Moran
Title: Attorney for NEC
Date: 10-29-78


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NEW ENGLAND COALITION ON NUCLEAR POLLUTION, INC.

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Title: _____
Date: _____

TOWN OF VERNON PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

By:  _____
Name: Robert Spencer
Title: Chairman
Date: October 30, 2018