

October 23, 2000

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Mr. Michael A. Balduzzi
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(Office of Investigations Case 1-1999-027)

Dear Mr. Balduzzi:

In a letter dated October 12, 2000, from Mr. Robert J. Wanczyk of your staff to the NRC, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation requested additional time to reply to a Notice of Violation issued by the NRC on September 18, 2000. In order to determine whether a reply was necessary, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation wished to review certain Office of Investigations transcripts that were not previously available. The letter requested a two week extension beyond the date when the transcripts are provided. Although a reply to the Notice of Violation was not required by the NRC, I will grant your request.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and your response, if you decide to provide one, will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publically Available Records (PARS) component of the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Reading Room). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the Public Document Room without redaction.

Sincerely,

/RA/ James T. Wiggins Acting For

Hubert J. Miller
Regional Administrator

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