

February 20, 2004

Mr. Michael Kansler  
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SUBJECT: VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - EXTENDED POWER  
UPRATE ACCEPTANCE REVIEW (TAC NO. MC0761)

Dear Mr. Kansler:

By letter dated September 10, 2003, as supplemented on October 1, 2003, October 28, 2003 (2 letters), and January 31, 2004 (2 letters), Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Entergy), licensees of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS), submitted the application, "Technical Specification Proposed Change No. 263 Extended Power Uprate" to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The proposed license amendment would allow an increase in the maximum authorized power level from 1593 megawatts thermal (MWT) to 1912 MWT.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the results of the NRC staff's acceptance review of Entergy's extended power uprate (EPU) application for VYNPS. The acceptance review determines whether or not there is sufficient detail to allow the staff to proceed with its detailed technical review.

The NRC staff had previously performed an acceptance review of the VYNPS EPU application as documented in a letter dated December 15, 2003. As described in that letter, the NRC staff determined that further information was required in several areas before the application could be considered acceptable. Entergy's letter BVS 04-009, dated January 31, 2004, provided additional information in response to the staff's letter dated December 15, 2003. Based on review of the information in letter BVS 04-009, the staff has determined that Entergy has provided the necessary information. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the VYNPS EPU application acceptable, such that the detailed review can be expected to be completed within 12 months from the date of letter BVS 04-009. Accordingly, the forecast completion date for the review is January 31, 2005.

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Verbal notification of the NRC's acceptance of your application was provided by the VYNPS Project Manager, Mr. Richard Ennis, to Ms. Ronda Daflucas of your staff on February 18, 2004. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ennis, at (301) 415-1420.

Sincerely,

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