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To: David McIntyre; Diane Screnci; Elizabeth Hayden; Mohammed Shuaibi; Neil Sheehan; Rosetta Virgilio; Scott Burnell; Sue Gagner
Date: Wed, Feb 25, 2004 1:07 PM
Subject: Re: Brattleboro Reformer

FYI - I provided similar information regarding the "Certificate of Public Good" this morning to Erika Cohen of the Keene Sentinel. I've had several calls with her over the past few weeks and she plans on doing several articles on the VY EPU prior to the PSB 3/15 decision.

>>> Neil Sheehan 02/25/04 01:02PM >>> *OPA-Region F*
Good answers all. With regard to the NRC's ability to "trump" the state, it's important to note that the state's Public Service Commission will make a decision based primarily on the economics of an uprate (and safety issues factor into that), while we focus on the safety implications. Is she any relation to Peter Lorie?

X >>> David McIntyre 02/25/04 12:52PM >>> *OPA*
I just took a call from Carolyn Lorie of the Brattleboro Reformer. She's the one who led a piece in today's editions with Paul Blanch's quote that the NRC is "probably the poorest regulator of any regulator in the U.S."

She asked two questions regarding VY's proposed uprate: are NPPs in other states required to seek "Certificates of Public Good" from state govts for uprates? And, can NRC "trump" a "No" vote from the state?

After consulting Rick Ennis of NRR, I called her back and informed her that no, some other states have similar arrangements, though state laws vary; and no, we cannot "trump" the state because VY needs state permission to make certain changes necessary as prerequisites to an uprate.

As she thanked me, I said, "See, we aren't so bad!" She winced, audibly, and said, "I didn't say that!" I replied, "But you put it in the lead and let it stand there unrefuted. We notice these things."

That is all. I feel better now.

CC: Anthony McMurtray; Darrell Roberts *X*

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Dave

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