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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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June 18, 2009

Vice President, Operations
Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station
P.O. Box 250
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SUBJECT: ENTERGY NUCLEAR VERMONT YANKEE LLC'S STATUS OF
DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING ASSURANCE FOR VERMONT YANKEE
NUCLEAR POWER STATION (TAC NO. ME0583)

Dear Sir or Madam:

On March 30, 2009, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee LLC's biennial decommissioning funding report (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML090920576) for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station.

Based on our internal review, the NRC staff believes that there is a decommissioning funding assurance shortfall for Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. Although a shortfall in decommissioning funding assurance does not affect safe operations, adequate decommissioning funding assurance is important to ensure a plant will eventually be decommissioned safely.

The NRC staff will conduct a telephone conference with Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC within ten working days of the date of this letter to discuss the staff's calculations and methodology. The intent of the call will be to establish a mutual understanding and framework such that you will be able to develop a plan to resolve any decommissioning funding assurance shortfall.

If Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC is determined to have a shortfall, it will need to submit a plan by a date to be established at the close of the telephone conference. The plan would describe how and when the licensee intends to make adjustments to its trust fund balances and/or make other adjustments or changes with respect to financial assurance mechanisms, such that it will meet the minimum amount of financial assurance consistent with NRC's regulations.

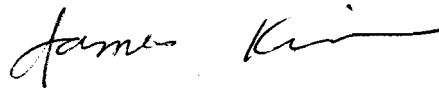
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Sincerely,

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