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VTEP comments on state report about Vermont Yankee reliability

Montpelier/Vt. – The Vermont Energy Partnership today issued the following statement in conjunction with the Public Oversight Panel’s updated comprehensive reliability report on Vermont Yankee.

“Today’s Public Oversight Panel Supplemental Report provides updated guidance in several key areas, and reaffirms the central finding of the original 2009 report: that Vermont Yankee can be operated reliably beyond 2012. The Partnership hopes that this central conclusion is given due consideration as Vermont policy makers consider relicensing in the coming months.

“Of particular note, the report notes that Vermont Yankee just completed a long stretch without an unplanned shutdown, stating, ‘Operating 531 days without shutting down was a considerable reliability achievement.’”

Vermont Yankee has also been exhaustively scrutinized from a safety and reliability standpoint by the independent U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and consistently attained high safety ratings. This, too, is very important but often overlooked information.”

The Vermont Energy Partnership (www.vtep.org) is a diverse group of more than 90 business, labor, and community leaders committed to finding clean, affordable and reliable electricity solutions. Its mission is to educate policy makers, the media, businesses, and the general public about why electricity is imperative for prosperity, and about the optimal solutions to preserve and expand our electricity network. Entergy, owner of Vermont Yankee, is a member of the Vermont Energy Partnership. Twitter: @VTEPVermont