

**STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Docket No. 8880

**Joint Petition of NorthStar Decommissioning Holdings, LLC)
NorthStar Nuclear Decommissioning Company, LLC, NorthStar)
Group Serviced, Inc., LVI Parent Corporation, NorthStar Group)
Holdings, LLC, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Investment Company)
LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operation, Inc., and any other)
necessary affiliated entities to transfer ownership of Entergy)
Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, and for certain ancillary)
approvals, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. secs. 107, 231, and 232)**

**NEW ENGLAND COALITION RESPONSE TO NORTHSTAR’S AND ENTERGY’S
OBJECTION TO PROPOSED RETENTION OF A CONSULTANT**

The New England Coalition supports the retention of a consultant by the Commission.

NorthStar, however, has raised reasonable concerns about the process by which the consultant will assist the Commission. The New England Coalition agrees that the consultant’s proposed role appears to require pre-decision disclosure to the parties of the data, assumptions, methodology, analysis and conclusions that the consultant will provide to the Commission, with opportunity for cross-examination and rebuttal. These procedural safeguards appear necessary under 3 V.S.A. § 809(c), § 810(3) and (4), and § 813, as well as In Re Twenty-Four Vermont Utilities, 159 Vt. 339, 349-50 (1992).

The Coalition also agrees that Vermont Rule of Evidence 706 appears to provide an effective means for addressing these concerns. The existing schedule will need to be amended to accommodate these concerns.

Dated at Bristol, Vermont this 16th day of November, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 16th day of November, 2017, a Response to NorthStar's and Entergy's Objection to the Proposed Retention of a Consultant was served by ePUC (electronic filing and case management system) upon the parties in accordance with the requirements of Public Utility Commission Rule.

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