

## **Potential VT NDCAP Changes Identified at July 2019 Issues Committee Meeting**

(Ideas extracted from 7/24/2019 meeting notes)

### I. Panel Membership, Officers and Quorum

- Reduce number of Vermont Yankee representatives on Panel to one to be in parity with other representatives
- Eliminate IBEW representation. If the intent was to have a labor representative, should this now be a NorthStar labor representative or some other option?
- What representation should Massachusetts and New Hampshire municipalities have on Panel? (Optional representation suggested. Consultation through respective Governors Offices to determine most-appropriate representation also suggested.)
- Reduce or Realign State Agency representation on Panel
- All Vermont Agency representation should be Ex Officio. (Should State Agencies being advised by Panel be permitted to vote on advisory subjects?)
- Is having Agency of Commerce and Community Development representation on Panel still necessary?

### II. Panel Duties

- NorthStar should use NDCAP as a means for public engagement.
- Add Vermont Yankee owner to list of those being advised. (Caveat is that Panel recommendations could contradict NorthStar's agreements with US Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Vermont PUC regarding Vermont Yankee decommissioning.)
- Require Panel to receive public reports mandated in PUC Docket 8880 Order.
- Empower Panel to comment on PUC Docket 8880-mandated reports, including public comments received by Panel.
- State Agency public reports regarding Vermont Yankee should be provided to Panel.
- Panel should receive public permit notices related to Vermont Yankee decommissioning and site restoration.
- Better understanding of NorthStar's PUC Docket 8880 MOU obligations are needed to fully understand whether any changes to Panel duties and NorthStar's current Panel meeting participation are necessary.

### III. Panel Administration & Assistance

- Should Panel administrative support responsibility fall to the Secretary of Natural Resources or Commissioner of Environmental Conservation rather than Commissioner of Public Service?

- Should interim chair responsibility fall to the Secretary of Natural Resources or Commissioner of Environmental Conservation (rather than Commissioner of Public Service)?
- A better definition of Panel “Administrative Support” is needed. This could determine whether an appropriation for the Panel is necessary.
- Should Public Service Department’s costs for administering Panel to date be reported?
- Clarification on who is responsible for producing the Panel’s Annual Report is necessary. (Panel leadership, a Panel committee, the administering State Agency staff or some other option?)

#### IV. Miscellaneous Additional Ideas

- Legislation and Charter language should no longer use “Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station” or “VYNPS” since it is no longer an operating nuclear power plant. (“Vermont Yankee” or “the Vermont Yankee site” suggested as alternatives.)
- Panel meeting agendas should include multiple times throughout the meeting for general public comments to accommodate attendees who are unable to stay to the end of a 3-hour meeting.