

**FIRST DRAFT of Meeting Minutes (Subject to Approval at next Full Panel Meeting)**

**Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel (NDCAP)**

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

**Vermont Agricultural Business Education Center, Maria Lawrence Room,**

**11 University Way, Brattleboro, VT**

**Meeting Minutes**

**NDCAP Members Present:**

- **June Tierney**, *Commissioner of Public Service, ex officio, Acting Panel Chair*
- **Katie Buckley**, *Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development, designee for the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development*
- **Peter Walke**, *Deputy Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources, designee for the Secretary of Natural Resources*
- **Dr. Bill Irwin**, *Radiological and Toxicological Sciences Chief, designee for the Secretary of Human Services*
- **Chris Campany**, *Executive Director of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC)*
- **Michael Root**, *representing the Town of Vernon, VT (appointed May 2018)*
- **Lissa Weinmann** *(Brattleboro), citizen appointee of Senate President Pro Tempore Tim Ashe*
- **Derrick Jordan** *(Putney), citizen appointee of Speaker of the House Mitzi Johnson*
- **Sara Coffey** *(Guilford), citizen appointee of House Speaker Mitzi Johnson (appointed September 2018)*
- **Corey Daniels**, *Director of Decommissioning, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee (VY)*
- **Michael P. McKenney**, *Technical Coordinator, Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee*
- **David Andrews**, *International Brotherhood of Electric Workers (IBEW); representing present & former employees of Vermont Yankee*

**The following NDCAP member was connected to the meeting via teleconference:**

- **Bob Gustafson**, *Assistant Planning Chief, Radiological Emergency Preparedness, New Hampshire Emergency Management and Homeland Security, representing the Towns of Chesterfield, Hinsdale, Richmond, Swanzey, and Winchester, NH, interim appointee of the NH Governor's Office*

**The following NDCAP members were absent from the meeting:**

- **VT State Representative Laura Sibilia**, *member of the House Committee on Energy & Technology*
- **VT State Senator Mark MacDonald**, *member of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Energy*
- **MA State Representative Paul W. Mark** *(Peru, MA), representing the Towns of Bernardston, Colrain, Gill, Greenfield, Leyden, Northfield, and Warwick, Massachusetts, appointee of (former) MA Governor Deval Patrick*

1 Three positions on the Panel are currently vacant.

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3 Meeting called to order at 18:04 PM; a video recording of the meeting is available online at  
4 <http://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap> and at  
5 [https://www.brattleborotv.org/vt-nuclear-decommissioning-citizens-advisory-panel/vt-ndcap-](https://www.brattleborotv.org/vt-nuclear-decommissioning-citizens-advisory-panel/vt-ndcap-92718-mtg)  
6 92718-mtg.

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8 **Welcome, Opening Remarks & Overview of Meeting Agenda:**

9 The Chair (Commissioner June Tierney) gave an overview of the meeting agenda and welcomed  
10 new and returning Panel members and members of the public. It was noted that there are 13  
11 Panel members present; hence there was a quorum.

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13 **Introduction of New & Returning Panelists:** Panel members briefly introduced themselves.

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15 **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Draft meeting minutes for the Panel's May 24, 2018 meeting  
16 were briefly discussed. A motion passed unanimously to table approval of these minutes until  
17 the panel members had an adequate opportunity to review them.

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19 **Entergy Update on Decommissioning Activities at VY:**

20 Panelist Corey Daniels, VY Director of Decommissioning, presented an update on recent  
21 activities at the VY site. The completion of the Dry Fuel Storage Project, modifications to the VY  
22 Protected Area, and the anticipated departure of Entergy employees from the site were  
23 discussed. Updates on the Groundwater Management Program and the value of the  
24 Decommissioning Trust Fund were also provided. The slides for this presentation are available  
25 online at <http://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap> and  
26 <http://vydecommissioning.com/ndcap/>.

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28 **State of Vermont Update on Decommissioning Activities at VY:** June Tierney, Commissioner  
29 VT Department of Public Service, provided a brief State Activities update. The VT PUC ruling on  
30 the proposed VY Sale to NorthStar remains on hold, awaiting the US Nuclear Regulatory  
31 Commission ruling on the sale.

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33 **PANEL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: On State and Entergy Updates**

34 Panelist questions related to the likely cost recovery from US Department of Energy for VY  
35 Spent Fuel storage expenses, the scope of the NRC's onsite inspection next week, the fencing  
36 surrounding the Dry Cask storage pads, the access control for VY structures that are no longer  
37 part of the Protected Area, and the present number of people working at the VY site.

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39 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: On State and Entergy Updates**

40 A request was made that Panel members speak up so that they can be heard by the audience.

1 **DISCUSSION ON PANEL LOGISTICS MOVING FORWARD:**

2 Besides the several specific logistics items identified on the Agenda, the continued need for a  
3 PA system and the process for producing the Annual Report were also briefly discussed. A  
4 desire for the Panel to discuss Interim Spent Fuel Storage was also expressed.  
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6 **DISCUSSION ON PANEL LOGISTICS MOVING FORWARD; NUMBER OF MEETINGS PER YEAR:**

7 A motion to hold meetings on a bi-monthly basis was defeated by roll call vote as below:

8 David Andrews, Nay

9 Katie Buckley, Nay

10 Chris Campany, Nay

11 Sara Coffey, Yea

12 Corey Daniels, Nay

13 Bob Gustafson, Yea

14 Dr. Bill Irwin, Yea

15 Derrik Jordan, Yea

16 Michael P. McKenney, Nay

17 Michael Root, Nay

18 June Tierney, Nay

19 Peter Walke, Nay

20 Lisa Weinmann, Yea  
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22 A motion to hold meetings on a quarterly basis, unless more are deemed necessary (via Panel  
23 Chair determination) was approved by roll call vote as follows:

24 David Andrews, Yea

25 Katie Buckley, Yea

26 Chris Campany, Yea

27 Sara Coffey, Yea

28 Corey Daniels, Yea

29 Bob Gustafson, Nay

30 Dr. Bill Irwin, Yea

31 Derrik Jordan, Yea

32 Michael P. McKenney, Yea

33 Michael Root, Yea

34 June Tierney, Yea

35 Peter Walke, Yea

36 Lisa Weinmann, Yea  
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38 **DISCUSSION ON PANEL LOGISTICS MOVING FORWARD; MEETING LOCATIONS:**

39 Panelist Chris Campany and State Nuclear Engineer Tony Leshinskie briefly outlined a recent  
40 search for new meeting sites in the Brattleboro area, as a means of reducing Panel cost. Rental  
41 costs for the sites examined and the frequently used High School and Middle School rooms  
42 were identified. While tonight's VABEC meeting site was generally liked, the Panelists agreed to  
43 look at additional area meeting spaces.  
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1 **DISCUSSION ON PANEL LOGISTICS MOVING FORWARD; MEETING COSTS:**

2 Several additional costs associated with Panel meetings were described.

4 **DISCUSSION ON PANEL LOGISTICS MOVING FORWARD; REVISING FORMAT OF MEETING**  
5 **MINUTES:**

6 A motion was approved by roll call vote to adopt the more summary practices for meeting  
7 minutes that are contemplated by Open Meeting Law requirements. This summary practice  
8 will be a change from past practice where NDCAP meeting minutes have featured lengthy  
9 detailed narratives that have been costly and have taken a long time to produce; the details of  
10 panel discussions are available for public review free of charge given that NDCAP meetings are  
11 fully recorded and posted on the internet free of charge. NDCAP minutes will now summarize  
12 Panel Attendance, Agenda Items, Motions made, Votes taken and Voting results. Draft meeting  
13 minutes MUST be posted on NDCAP's website  
14 (<http://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap>) within 5 calendar days of an NDCAP meeting.

15 **Roll call vote:**

16 David Andrews, Yea  
17 Katie Buckley, Yea  
18 Chris Campany, Yea  
19 Sara Coffey, Yea  
20 Corey Daniels, Yea  
21 Bob Gustafson, Yea  
22 Dr. Bill Irwin, Yea  
23 Derrik Jordan, Yea  
24 Michael P. McKenney, Yea  
25 Michael Root, Yea  
26 June Tierney, Yea  
27 Peter Walke, Yea  
28 Lisa Weinmann, Nay

30 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON PANEL LOGISTICS MOVING FORWARD:**

31 A comment was made asking Panelists to please speak up.

33 **NOMINATIONS FOR PANEL CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OR CO-CHAIRS**

34 A motion nominating Chris Campany to be Panel Chair was made and seconded. A motion  
35 nominating Lissa Weinmann was made and seconded. A motion to amend the nominations  
36 into a slate was then made, seconded and approved by roll call vote as below:

37 David Andrews, Yea  
38 Katie Buckley, Yea  
39 Chris Campany, Yea  
40 Sara Coffey, Yea  
41 Corey Daniels, Yea  
42 Bob Gustafson, Yea  
43 Dr. Bill Irwin, Yea  
44 Derrik Jordan, Yea

1 Michael P. McKenney, Yea  
2 Michael Root, Yea  
3 June Tierney, Yea  
4 Peter Walke, Yea  
5 Lisa Weinmann, Yea  
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#### 7 **ELECTION OF PANEL LEADERSHIP**

8 By Roll Call vote, the candidate slate of Chris Campany for Panel Chair and Lissa Weinmann for  
9 Panel Vice-Chair were elected for terms of 1 year. Chris Campany immediately assumed the  
10 duties of running the remainder of the meeting.

#### 11 **Roll call vote:**

12 David Andrews, Yea  
13 Katie Buckley, Yea  
14 Chris Campany, Yea  
15 Sara Coffey, Yea  
16 Corey Daniels, Yea  
17 Bob Gustafson, Yea  
18 Dr. Bill Irwin, Yea  
19 Derrik Jordan, Yea  
20 Michael P. McKenney, Yea  
21 Michael Root, Yea  
22 June Tierney, Yea  
23 Peter Walke, Yea  
24 Lisa Weinmann, Yea  
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#### 26 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

27 A comment was made that this NDCAP meeting was not well publicized. Another comment was  
28 made that no email notice of this meeting was provided. The State Nuclear Engineer reminded  
29 the public that meeting information is published on NDCAP's website  
30 (<http://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap>) as soon as it becomes available.  
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32 Another comment expressed concern over the potential use of Route 142 to transport  
33 materials during VY decommissioning; a preference was expressed that rail lines be used as the  
34 primary transport.  
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#### 36 **WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN**

37 The Panel agreed that the next meeting will be held on December 6, 2018. The Chair (Chris  
38 Campany) indicated that the December 6 meeting agenda will focus on the 2018 Annual  
39 Report. It will also include Decommissioning Activities updates from VY's Owners and the State.  
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41 It was agreed that voluntary "orientation" sessions would be made available to "catch up"  
42 newer Panelists on the Panel's prior actions.

43 In response to interest from several Panelists, the Panel's Entergy Representatives agreed to  
44 pursue potential dates for a VY Site Tour for interested Panelists.

- 1 It was noted that this was David Andrews' last meeting as a Panelist.
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- 3 **Next meeting:** December 6, 2018 at a site to be determined in the Brattleboro area.
- 4 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 PM**