

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Energy and Technology to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 740 entitled “An act relating to changes to the Nuclear
4 Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
6 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1700 is amended to read:

8 § 1700. CREATION; MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS; QUORUM

9 (a) There is created the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel
10 that shall consist of the following:

11 (1) The Secretary of Human Services, ex officio, or designee.

12 (2) The Secretary of Natural Resources, ex officio, or designee.

13 (3) The Commissioner of Public Service, ex officio, or designee.

14 (4) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development, ex
15 officio, or designee.

16 (5) One member of the House Committee on Energy and Technology,
17 chosen by the Speaker of the House.

18 (6) One member of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and
19 Energy, chosen by the Committee on Committees.

20 (7) One representative of the Windham Regional Commission or
21 designee, selected by the Regional Commission.

1 (8) ~~One representative~~ Two representatives of the Town of Vernon or
2 ~~designee~~ designees, selected by the legislative body of that town.

3 (9) Six members of the public, two each selected by the Governor, the
4 Speaker of the House, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Under
5 this subdivision, each appointing authority initially shall appoint a member for
6 a three-year term and a member for a four-year term. Subsequent
7 appointments under this subdivision shall be for terms of four years.

8 (10) Two representatives of the owners of the Vermont Yankee ~~Nuclear~~
9 ~~Power Station (VYNPS or Station)~~ selected by the owner of the Station site.

10 (11) ~~A representative of the International Brotherhood of Electric~~
11 ~~Workers (IBEW) selected by the IBEW who shall be a present or former~~
12 ~~employee at the VYNPS.~~

13 (12) One optional member who will represent collectively the Towns of
14 Chesterfield, Hinsdale, Richmond, Swanzey, and Winchester, New Hampshire,
15 when selected by the Governor of New Hampshire at the invitation of the
16 Commissioner of Public Service.

17 (12) One optional member who will represent collectively the
18 Towns of Bernardston, Colrain, Gill, Greenfield, Leyden, Northfield, and
19 Warwick, Massachusetts, when selected by the Governor of Massachusetts at
20 the invitation of the Commissioner of Public Service.

1 (b) Ex officio members shall serve for the duration of their time in office or
2 until a successor has been appointed. Members of the General Assembly shall
3 be appointed for two years or until their successors are appointed, beginning on
4 or before January 15 in the first year of the biennium. Representatives
5 designated by ex officio members shall serve at the direction of the designating
6 authority.

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8 (f) Members of the panel who are not ex officio members, employees of the
9 State of Vermont, representatives of the ~~VYNPS~~ owners of the Vermont
10 Yankee site, or members representing towns outside Vermont, and who are not
11 otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance, shall be entitled to
12 \$50.00 per diem and their necessary and actual expenses. Funds for this
13 purpose shall come from the monies collected under 30 V.S.A. § 22 for the
14 purpose of maintaining the Department of Public Service. Legislative
15 members shall not be entitled to a per diem under this section for meetings
16 while the General Assembly is in session.

17 (g) The Commissioner of Public Service shall:

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19 (6) hire experts, contract for services, and provide for materials and
20 other reasonable and necessary expenses of the Panel as the Commissioner
21 may consider appropriate on request of the Panel from time to time. Funds for

1 this purpose shall come from the ~~monies collected under 30 V.S.A. § 22 for the~~
2 ~~purpose of maintaining the Department of Public Service and such other~~
3 ~~sources as may be or become available~~ owners of the Vermont Yankee site as
4 the Commissioner of Public Service may consider appropriate, not to exceed
5 \$35,000 annually. The obligation to support the Panel’s activities shall cease
6 upon the submission of the application for Partial License Termination by the
7 owners of the Vermont Yankee site to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
8 On or before June 30 annually, the Commissioner of Public Service shall
9 render to the owners of the Vermont Yankee site a statement detailing the
10 amount of money expended or contracted for under this subdivision (6), which
11 shall be paid within 30 days by the owners of the Vermont Yankee site into the
12 special fund established pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 22 for the purpose of
13 maintaining the Department of Public Service and Public Utility Commission.
14 The funds paid into the special fund by the owners of the Vermont Yankee site
15 shall be paid solely to the Department. Within 30 days of receiving the
16 statement of funds due, the owners of the Vermont Yankee site may petition
17 the Public Utility Commission for a hearing to review and determine the
18 necessity and reasonableness of such expenses. Following the review, the
19 Public Utility Commission may amend or revise the cost assessments as it
20 deems appropriate.

1 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 1701 is amended to read:

2 § 1701. DUTIES

3 The Panel shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall not have
4 authority to direct decommissioning of the ~~VYNPS~~ Vermont Yankee site. The
5 duties of the Panel shall be:

6 (1) To hold a minimum of ~~four~~ three public meetings each year for the
7 purpose of discussing issues relating to the decommissioning of ~~the VYNPS~~
8 Vermont Yankee. The Panel may hold additional meetings.

9 (2) To advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the agencies of the
10 State, and the public on issues related to the decommissioning of ~~the VYNPS~~
11 Vermont Yankee, with a written report being provided annually to the
12 Governor and to the energy committees of the General Assembly. The
13 provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of reports) shall not apply to this
14 report.

15 (3) To serve as a conduit for public information and education on and to
16 encourage community involvement in matters related to the decommissioning
17 of ~~the VYNPS~~ Vermont Yankee and to receive written reports and
18 presentations on the decommissioning of the ~~Station~~ site at its regular
19 meetings.

20 (4) To periodically receive reports, including those required by the
21 Public Utility Commission Docket No. 8880 Order, on the Decommissioning

1 Trust Fund and other funds associated with decommissioning of or site
2 restoration at ~~the VYNPS~~ Vermont Yankee, including fund balances,
3 expenditures made, and reimbursements received.

4 (5) To receive reports and presentations at regular meetings regarding
5 the decommissioning progress and plans for ~~the VYNPS~~ Vermont Yankee,
6 including any site assessments and post-shutdown decommissioning
7 assessment reports; provide a forum for receiving public comment on these
8 plans and reports; and ~~to~~ provide comment on these plans and reports as the
9 Panel may consider appropriate to State agencies and the owner of ~~the VYNPS~~
10 Vermont Yankee and in the annual report described in subdivision (2) of this
11 subsection.

12 Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 1702 is amended to read:

13 § 1702. ASSISTANCE

14 The Department of Public Service, the Agency of Human Services, and the
15 Agency of Natural Resources shall furnish administrative support to the Panel,
16 with assistance from the owners of the ~~VYNPS~~ Vermont Yankee site as the
17 Commissioner of Public Service may consider appropriate.

18 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.
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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE