

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 in Sec. 1,  
6 18 V.S.A. § 1700, by striking out the section and inserting in lieu thereof the  
7 following:

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 Vermont Yankee ~~Nuclear Power Station~~  
9 ~~(VYNPS or Station)~~ site, selected by ~~the~~ its owner ~~of the Station~~, NorthStar.

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~~ Vermont Yankee site, or  
10 members representing towns outside Vermont, and who are not otherwise  
11 compensated or reimbursed for their attendance, shall be entitled to \$50.00 per  
12 diem and their necessary and actual expenses. Funds for this purpose shall  
13 come from the monies collected under 30 V.S.A. § 22 for the purpose of  
14 maintaining the Department of Public Service. Legislative members shall not  
15 be entitled to a per diem under this section for meetings while the General  
16 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 Vermont Yankee as the  
4 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 Vermont Yankee to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. On or  
8 before June 30 annually, the Commissioner of Public Service shall render to  
9 the owners of Vermont Yankee a statement detailing the amount of money  
10 expended or contracted for under this subdivision (6), which shall be paid  
11 within 30 days by the owners of Vermont Yankee into the special fund  
12 established pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 22 for the purpose of maintaining the  
13 Department of Public Service and Public Utility Commission. The funds paid  
14 into the special fund by the owners of Vermont Yankee shall be paid solely to  
15 the Department. Within 30 days of receiving the statement of funds due, the  
16 owners of Vermont Yankee may petition the Public Utility Commission for a  
17 hearing to review and determine the necessity and reasonableness of such  
18 expenses. Following the review, the Public Utility Commission may amend or  
19 revise the cost assessments as it deems appropriate.

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1 (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE