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Dear Mr. Leonard,

On February 24, 2010, the Vermont Senate voted 26 to 4 to deny Vermont Yankee a certificate of public good. On election night the people of Vermont affirmed that decision by electing Peter Shumlin the next governor of Vermont.

The people of Vermont have spoken. They no longer trust that Vermont Yankee can operate without incident, accident or radioactive releases to the groundwater. The unplanned shutdown this week after yet another leak simply reinforces the public understanding that running this reactor is unsafe. Rather than continue to lose money and corporate credibility in an effort to relicense the 38-year-old reactor, we ask that Entergy act like a good corporate citizen, respect the will of Vermonters and permanently shut down Vermont Yankee.

Despite having agreed to these conditions when you purchased the reactor, Entergy continues to pursue a renewed license for Vermont Yankee and within hours of the election announced that the reactor was up for sale. Selling the reactor will not change the fact that Vermont Yankee has been denied a certificate of public good and it will not change anyone's mind that it is time to begin shutting down this old nuclear plant.

Decisions have consequence. The vote taken in the Vermont Senate in February and by the public at large this month are consequences of the agreement Entergy made with Vermont when it purchased the reactor. An attempt to re-license or sell the reactor will produce negative consequences for all involved. Vermont Yankee must be closed on schedule March 21, 2012.

Sincerely,

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