Q.WRC:EN.1-MT-13: At page 21, line 7 you state that the dry cask storage facility was constructed to support 36 Holtec Storage Overpacks, which is sufficient to operate until 2032. Is the pad sufficiently sized to operate until 2032 if the NRC or the PSB requires a reduction in density of the spent fuel storage pool, or if Entergy VY makes a decision to reduce the density of the spent fuel pool?

A.WRC:EN.1-MT-13: OBJECTION. The request seeks information concerning matters of plant operation and/ or radiological safety subject to regulation by the NRC that, due to federal preemption, are not subject to regulation by the State of Vermont. A fuller description of the reasons and bases for this objection is contained in Entergy VY’s Motion for a Declaratory Ruling Prescribing Scope of Proceeding, filed June 21, 2012. Further objection on the grounds that the request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and calls for speculation and for an analysis that has not been performed. Without waiving any objection, Entergy VY responds:

It depends upon the specifics of the assumed reduction in density of the spent fuel pool. If the hypothesized reduction in SPF density were to require transfer by 2032 of more SNF than can be held in 36 Holtec casks, the capacity of the existing dry fuel storage pad, the pad would axiomatically not be sufficiently sized. The answer to the question would also depend upon DOE’s performance in removing fuel from the Vermont Yankee Station site to a permanent repository or off-site interim storage facility prior to 2032.

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