The Vermont congressional delegation issued the following statement after Entergy, the owners of Vermont Yankee, sued to stop the state from closing the plant next year:

"It appears that Entergy has developed a bad case of corporate amnesia in refusing to honor an agreement it signed with the state in 2002. Entergy agreed to waive any claim that federal law preempts the jurisdiction of Vermont. The company also agreed to comply with the terms of the agreement and Vermont laws. The Vermont laws are clear; Entergy must be approved by both the state Legislature and the Vermont Public Service Board to receive a certificate of public good to continue to operate the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant beyond March of 2012.

"Now, reversing course, Entergy is seeking in federal litigation to avoid complying with Vermont law and the agreement. We look forward to the court system resolving this case in Vermont's favor."