

July 2, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR: James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations

John F. Cordes, Acting Director
Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - AFFIRMATION SESSION,
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1996, COMMISSIONERS'
CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH,
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC
ATTENDANCE)

I. SECY-96-109 - Yankee Atomic Electric Company (Yankee Nuclear Power Station), Docket No. 50-029-DCOM

The Commission approved an order responding to petitions by the Citizens Awareness Network and the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution requesting review of the Licensing Board's decision, LBP-96-02. In LBP-96-02 the Licensing Board granted standing to the petitioners, but declined to admit any of their contentions, denied their request for an administrative hearing, and terminated the proceeding.

The Order granted in part and denied in part the petitioners' appeal. The Order also rejected Yankee Atomic Electric's arguments regarding petitioners' standing, and remanded the case to the Licensing Board for further proceedings.

(Subsequently, the Secretary signed the Order on June 18, 1996.)

II. SECY-96-086 - Final Rulemaking - Revision to 10 CFR Parts 2, 50, and 51, Related to Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors

The Commission approved a final rule amending its regulations on the decommissioning procedures that lead to the termination of an operating license for nuclear power reactors. The final amendments clarify ambiguities in the current rule and codify procedures that reduce the regulatory burden, provide greater flexibility, and allow for greater public participation in the decommissioning process.

The attached editorial corrections should be incorporated into the Federal Register Notice. The notice along with the appropriate letters to Congress, and the Controller General should be forwarded for signature and publication.

The staff should proceed with development of the necessary regulatory guidance addressing the decommissioning process activities prior to licensing termination plan submittal, PSDAR preparation, fire protection for decommissioning, and licensing termination plan preparation.

(EDO) (SECY Suspense: to be determined)

Attachment:
As stated

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