January 15, 1998

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-97-253

TITLE: POLICY OPTIONS FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS IN RESPONSE TO RESTRUCTURING OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRY

The Commission did not provide the necessary majority for the staff to proceed with a proposed rulemaking as described in Option 1. Therefore, the NRC's existing regulatory framework as discussed in Option 2 is maintained. Chairman Jackson and Commissioner McGaffigan approved Option 1, as recommended by the staff. Commissioners Dicus and Diaz disapproved the staff recommendation and preferred Option 2. The result is recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of January 15, 1998.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Commissioners, and the SRM of January 15, 1998.

John C. Hoyle Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

- 1. Voting Summary
- 2. Commissioner Vote Sheets
- 3. Final SRM
- cc: Chairman Jackson Commissioner Dicus Commissioner Diaz Commissioner McGaffigan OGC EDO PDR DCS

VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-97-253

RECORDED VOTES

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	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. JACKSON	Х				Х	11/26/97
COMR. DICUS		Х			Х	12/18/97
COMR. DIAZ		Х			Х	12/23/97
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	N X				Х	12/3/97

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, the Chairman and Commissioner McGaffigan approved Option 1 - to revise the regulations to enhance continuing NRC evaluation of post-licensing financial qualifications of licensees. Commissioners Dicus and Diaz disapproved the staff's recommendation for Option 1 and preferred Option 2 - to not change the current regulatory framework. As a result, since a majority of the Commission did not approve the recommended action, the status quo is maintained, which is Option 2. Subsequently, the staff was informed of this decision in the SRM issued on January 15, 1998.