

January 7, 2002

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM:      SECY-01-0223

TITLE:                      EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT,  
   UNITS 1 AND 2, RENEWAL OF FULL-POWER  
   OPERATING LICENSES

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of January 7, 2002.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Commission.

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc:      Chairman Meserve  
         Commissioner Dicus  
         Commissioner Diaz  
         Commissioner McGaffigan  
         Commissioner Merrifield  
         OGC  
         EDO  
         PDR

## VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-01-0223

### RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	PARTICIP	NOT COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. MESERVE	X					12/28/01
COMR. DICUS	X					1/02/02
COMR. DIAZ	X					12/21/01
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	X					12/20/01
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X					12/20/01

### COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, all Commissioners approved the staff's recommendation and provided some additional comments. Subsequently, the comments of the Commission were incorporated into the guidance to staff as reflected in the SRM issued on January 7, 2002.

## Commissioner Comments on SECY-01-0223

### Chairman Meserve

I approve the staff's recommendation to authorize the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to renew the operating licenses for Plant Hatch, upon making appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters. I note that the staff will make any necessary conforming changes to the renewed licenses as a result of any pending licensing actions while the Commission is considering the staff's recommendations.

I commend the staff for completing a thorough and comprehensive review of the first boiling water reactor (BWR) license renewal application within the target schedule for license renewal reviews. I know that the staff has faced a number of challenges during the review and has successfully resolved a number of complex issues. The ACRS, in its letter of November 16, 2001, indicates that elements of the staff's safety evaluation report (SER) provide important clarifications of issues that could be relevant to future license renewal applications, and recommends inclusion of these clarifications in the NRC's generic license renewal guidance documents. The staff should consider the ACRS's recommendations and incorporate relevant information in the license renewal guidance documents, as appropriate, when those documents are updated.

### Commissioner Dicus

I approve staff's recommendation to authorize the Director of NRR to renew the operating licenses for Edwin I. Hatch Plant Units 1 and 2, upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters.

Renewing the licenses of nuclear reactors to operate an additional twenty years is an important licensing action, which requires careful consideration of effects of aging of plant equipment. Based on communications from the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) to the Commissioners (November 16, 2001), I recognize that the staff performed a comprehensive review of the licensee's application. Based on a letter from the Executive Director of Operations to ACRS (December 18, 2001), It is commendable to note that staff has implemented a process to capture lessons learned from this license renewal application and use them in future staff efforts to renew licenses of other plants. Such a process would continue to enhance thoroughness of staff reviews of future applications for license renewal.

### Commissioner Diaz

I approve the staff's recommendation that the Commission authorize the Director of NRR to renew the operating licenses for Plant Hatch, upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters. I also acknowledge that the staff will make any necessary conforming changes to the renewed licenses as a result of any pending licensing actions while the Commission considers the staff's recommendations.

I commend the staff for their continued good work in the license renewal area.

Commissioner McGaffigan

Congratulations to the staff and ACRS for their continued excellent work on license renewal.

Commissioner Merrifield

I approve the staff's recommendations presented in SECY-01-0223. Specifically, I support authorizing the Director of NRR to renew the operating licenses for Plant Hatch for an additional 20 years, upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters. I also note that the staff will make any necessary conforming changes to the renewed licenses as a result of any pending licensing actions while the Commission is considering the staff's recommendations.

I appreciate the staff's considerable efforts associated with the review of the Plant Hatch license renewal application. I also appreciate the ACRS's considerable efforts associated with the review of this application and the staff's related final Safety Evaluation Report (SER).