

September 16, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Karen D. Cyr
General Counsel

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

FROM: John C. Hoyle, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - Affirmation Session, 3:30 P.M., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1998,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, ONE WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE,
MARYLAND (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

I. SECY-98-210 -- Hydro Resources Inc.: Presiding Officer's Memorandum and Order Ruling on Petitions and Areas of Concern; Granting Request for Hearing; Scheduling, LPB-98-9, May 13, 1998

The Commission approved a Memorandum and Order taking sua sponte review of LPB-98-9 in order to provide immediate Commission guidance in an area of concern found admissible by the Presiding Officer. The area of concern, "failure to obtain proper permits from the Navajo nation," would involve the Commission in determining whether Hydro is required to obtain a permit from another regulatory body before Hydro begins mining operations. Because this matter is clearly the responsibility of the Navajo nation, the Commission has acted to reverse the Presiding Officer's determination to admit this area of concern.

(Subsequently, on September 15, 1998, the Secretary signed the Memorandum and Order.)

II. SECY-98-212 -- Proposed Order Referring Petition to Intervene in Oconee License Renewal Proceeding to Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

The Commission approved an order responding to a petition from three individuals who are members of the Chattooga River Watershed Coalition to intervene in the Oconee License Renewal proceeding. The order refers the petition to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel for appropriate action and provides guidance for the conduct of the proceeding if a hearing is granted.

(Subsequently, on September 15, 1998, the Secretary signed the Order.)

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