



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

May 23, 2000

SECRETARY

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-00-0081

TITLE: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 -
RENEWAL OF FULL-POWER OPERATING LICENSE

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of May 23, 2000.

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

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
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VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-00-0081

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. MESERVE	X				X	5/16/00
COMR. DICUS	X				X	5/7/00
COMR. DIAZ	X				X	5/10/00
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	X				X	5/4/00
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X				X	5/3/00

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 May 23, 2000.

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

FROM: CHAIRMAN MESERVE

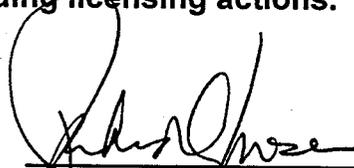
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AND 3 - RENEWAL OF FULL-POWER OPERATING LICENSE

Approved X Disapproved _____ Abstain _____

Not Participating _____ Request Discussion _____

COMMENTS:

1. I approve the staff's recommendation to authorize the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to renew the licenses for Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3, upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters. I join my fellow Commissioners in commending the staff for the continued high quality of the license renewal reviews.
2. I acknowledge that the staff will make any necessary conforming changes to the renewed licenses as a result of pending licensing actions.



SIGNATURE

May 16, 2000

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes No _____

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

FROM: COMMISSIONER DICUS

SUBJECT: SECY-00-0081 - OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 -
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Approved X, with comments Disapproved _____ Abstain _____

Not Participating _____ Request Discussion _____

COMMENTS:

I commend the staff for a timely, thorough, and safety-focused review of the renewal application for Oconee Nuclear Station. You have shown the ability to handle challenging technical issues while implementing an effective and efficient process at the same time.


SIGNATURE

May 7, 2000
DATE

Entered on "Stars" Yes X No _____

NOTATION VOTE

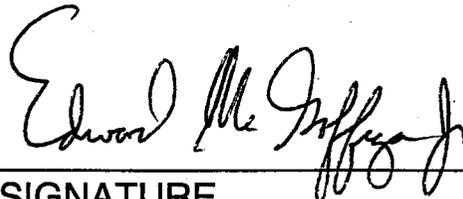
RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN
SUBJECT: **SECY-00-0081 - OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2,
AND 3 - RENEWAL OF FULL-POWER OPERATING LICENSE**

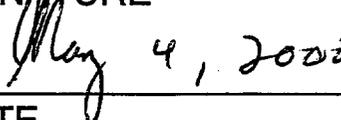
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Not Participating _____

COMMENTS:



SIGNATURE



DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes No _____

Commissioner McGaffigan's Vote on SECY-00-0081

I commend the staff and the ACRS for conducting a timely, thorough, and professional review of the Oconee license renewal application. As was the case in the staff's review of Calvert Cliffs license renewal application, I note that there were numerous opportunities for substantial public involvement in the process.

On the basis of my review of the staff's safety evaluation report (SER) and environmental impact statement (EIS), as well as the May 2 Commission briefing on the Oconee license renewal review, I hereby:

Approve authorizing the Director of NRR to renew the operating licenses for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters.

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.

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NOTATION VOTE

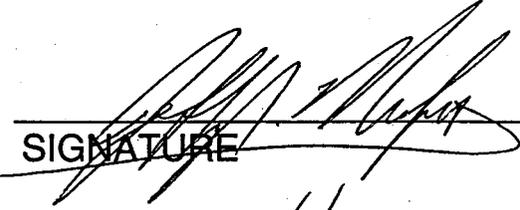
RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD
SUBJECT: **SECY-00-0081 - OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2,
AND 3 - RENEWAL OF FULL-POWER OPERATING LICENSE**

Approved Disapproved Abstain

Not Participating

COMMENTS: *See attached comments.*



SIGNATURE

5/3/00
DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes No

Commissioner Merrifield's Comments on SECY-00-0081

I commend the staff for the outstanding job they did in their review of the Oconee license renewal application. The staff should be proud of the way in which they managed the process, involved stakeholders, and conducted a thorough, timely, and disciplined review.

After reviewing the staff's safety evaluation report and environmental impact statement, and participating in the staff's briefing of the Commission on May 2, 2000, I approve the staff's recommendations in SECY-00-0081. More specifically:

- I approve authorizing the Director of NRR to renew the operating licenses for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters.
- I 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 is considering the staff's recommendations.

As discussed during the May 2, 2000 Commission meeting, the staff should promptly share with our licensees and other stakeholders the lessons learned from the Oconee review, particularly those associated with such issues as the scope of transmission line impacts, the combined generation alternative, and the effective presentation of information in license renewal applications. A clear understanding of these lessons is not only important to future renewal applicants, but should also serve to improve the efficiency of the NRC's review process.

As I stated in my comments associated with SECY-99-148 and SECY-00-0010, it is imperative that the staff have the resources necessary to not only review the renewal applications that are in-house, but to also develop the regulatory infrastructure (SRP, GALL, inspection procedures...) necessary for the effective and even more timely review of future applications. The staff should promptly notify the Commission should it find that resources are insufficient to effectively carry out its license renewal responsibilities. Also, during the upcoming budget cycle, the staff should clearly present to the Commission its planning assumptions associated with license renewal, as well as the resources specifically allocated to the development of the regulatory infrastructure.



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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary *Annette Vietti-Cook*

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-00-0081 - OCONEE NUCLEAR
STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 - RENEWAL OF FULL-POWER
OPERATING LICENSE

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to authorize the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to renew the operating licenses for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters, as described in SECY-00-0081.

The Commission commends the staff for its thorough and timely review of the application and for the extensive efforts to afford opportunities for the public to be involved in the process.

During the upcoming budget cycle, the staff should clearly present to the Commission its planning assumptions associated with license renewal, as well as the resources specifically allocated to the development of the regulatory infrastructure for the review of license renewal applications.

cc: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield
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