

February 12, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/ Ken Hart for

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-98-253 - APPLICABILITY OF
PLANT-SPECIFIC BACKFIT REQUIREMENTS TO PLANTS
UNDERGOING DECOMMISSIONING

The Commission has approved the development of a backfit rule (or modification to 10 CFR 50.109, as appropriate) specific to plants undergoing decommissioning consistent with other competing priorities. The effort should not displace any high priority rulemaking activities. The rule should be reasonably straightforward and not resource intensive to draft and should not require the use of a series of workshops. In the interim, the staff should continue to apply the current backfit rule to plants undergoing decommissioning.

The rulemaking plan should be forwarded to the Commission for information.
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(SECY Suspense: 6/23/99)

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