

December 20, 2005

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-05-0219 - ISSUANCE OF
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION GENERIC LETTER
2005-XX, "GRID RELIABILITY AND THE IMPACT ON PLANT
RISK AND THE OPERABILITY OF OFFSITE POWER"

The Commission has disapproved the immediate issuance of the Generic Letter. Instead, the staff should hold a public workshop as soon as practicable in early January, then inform the Commission offices of the results of the workshop and any changes to the draft Generic Letter. These actions should be completed not less than three business days prior to issuance of the final Generic Letter and not later than January 27, 2006. The workshop should include our licensees, other utilities, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs), Independent System Operators (ISOs), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as well as the State Public Utility Commissions (PUCs), to the extent practicable, and should seek to provide a full explanation of what is intended by the questions, what we expect for answers, and how we anticipate using the information as we move forward to ensure that nuclear power plants continue to have access to reliable offsite power. Given this date, the staff should make all appropriate efficiencies to maintain our schedule to prepare for the 2006 peak cooling season.

The Office of the Secretary will plan a public Commission meeting of the NRC and FERC. The objective of this NRC/FERC meeting is to discuss the most effective role of each respective Commission in addressing grid reliability issues and assure an integrated approach of the two key Commissions in accomplishing our national missions.

SRM M050426 directed the staff to determine whether another round of TI inspections will be needed for summer of 2006, in part by evaluating licensee responses to the generic letter, and to inform the Commission of this determination by April 28, 2006. The staff should use the best available information in making this determination, even if it does not include a complete evaluation of licensee responses to the generic letter.

cc: Chairman Diaz
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Commissioner Merrifield
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
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