

May 26, 2015

MEMORANDUM TO: Mark A. Satorius
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-15-0068 – WATTS BAR
NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 2 – REVIEW STATUS AND
AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION FOR OPERATING
LICENSE ISSUANCE

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation to grant the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) the authority to issue a full-power operating license effective upon issuance to the Tennessee Valley Authority for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2 if the Director of NRR determines that the applicable findings may be made and the proceeding is uncontested. As the staff noted in SECY-15-0068, if the proceeding is contested, the regulations of 10 CFR Part 2 will control and may require the Director of NRR to issue, deny, or appropriately condition the license in accordance with the presiding officer's initial decision once that decision becomes effective.

During these final stages of review and inspection, the NRC staff should maintain its focus on transparency and sharing information with the public.

cc: Chairman Burns
Commissioner Svinicki
Commissioner Ostendorff
Commissioner Baran
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