

UNITED STATES LEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIO WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

December 27, 1979

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Lee Y. Gossick, Executive Director for Operations Leonard Bickwit, Jr., General Counsel

Samuel J. Chilk, Secret

FROM:

SUBJECT:

SECY-A-79-93 - DIRECTOR S DENIAL OF 2.206 RELIEF (IN THE MATTER OF VIRGINIA ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY) (COMMISSIONER ACTION ITEM)

This is to advise you that the Commission (with Chairman Ahearne and Commissioners Kennedy and Hendrie non-concurring) did not agree with the General Counsel's recommendation that the Commission defer action on the decision of the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. Instead, they agreed with the Director's position on this matter, as stated in his letter to Ms. June Allen of November 29, 1979.

The Commission desires that the NRC staff forward Ms. Allen's request to the Department of Energy (DOE) for its consideration. It also desires that the staff inform Ms. Allen that the Commission supports the Director's position, that NRC has forwarded her request to DOE, and that NRC will be conducting an informal review of DOE's environmental assessment. (SECY Suspense: 1/10/80)

Commissioners Gilinsky and Bradford agreed with the General Counsel's recommendation, and would have preferred that the Commission defer action pending receipt of additional information from the staff.

The Offices of the General Counsel and the Executive Legal Director were informed of this action by telephone on December 19 and 21, 1979, respectively.

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It is requested that the Executive Director for Operations forward copies of correspondence with DOE and Ms. Allen on this matter to the Office of the Secretary by c.o.b. January 10, 1930.

cc: Chairman Ahearne Commissioner Gilinsky Commissioner Kennedy Commissioner Hendrie Commissioner Bradford Director, Policy Evaluation Executive Legal Director Director, Nuclear Reactor Regulation Chief, Docketing & Service Branch (SEC+ CONTACT: EWMcGregor (SECY) 4-1410