

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



OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lee V. Gossick, Executive
Director for Operations
L. Bickwit, Jr., General Counsel
Carlton Kammerer, Director,
Congressional Affairs
Joseph Fouchard, Director,
Public Affairs

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - AFFIRMATION SESSION 79-14, 12:05 P.M.,
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1979, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM,
D. C. OFFICE (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

I. SECY-78-13C - Petition for Rulemaking By the Public Interest Research Group
ET. AL. (PRM 50-22) to Require Bonding of Nuclear Power Plant Operators to
Ensure Decommissioning (CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM)

1. The Commission, by a vote of 4-0*, denied the petitioners' request to initiate rulemaking now to implement the specific decommissioning funding plan of requiring nuclear power plant operators to post surety bonds to cover decommissioning costs. To the extent that petitioners' request asks the Commission to reconsider the adequacy of its regulations on decommissioning, their request is granted, but a decision as to the specific method or methods for funding decommissioning is deferred. (SD)
2. The Commission requested that:
 - a. the attached revised Federal Register Notice be prepared for publication in the Federal Register; (SD) (SECY Suspend: 5/29/79)
 - b. appropriate Congressional Committees be informed of this action; (SD/OCA) (SECY Suspend: 5/29/79)
 - c. the petitioners be informed of this action by letter to be prepared for the Secretary's signature; (SD) (SECY Suspend: 5/29/79)
 - d. an appropriate press release be issued when the response to the petition is filed with the Office of the Federal Register; (SD/OPA) (SECY Suspend: 5/29/79)
 - e. a response to Congressman Drinan regarding the disposition of this petition and the concerns expressed in his letter of September 28, 1978 be submitted for the Chairman's signature within ten working days after the response to the petition is filed with the Office of the Federal Register. (SD) (SECY Suspend: 6/12/79)

*Commissioner Bradford was not present, but had previously indicated his concurrence

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II. Proposed Order in the Matter of Arkansas Power & Light Company, Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1

The Commission, by a vote of 3-0*, approved the Order which confirm agreements reached between the NRC staff and the licensee on actions necessary to provide added reliability to the reactor system to respond safely to feedwater transients. The Order would become effective immediately on issuance for an indefinite period until the actions described in the Order have been satisfactorily completed. (OGC)

(The Secretary signed the Order on May 17, 1979)

*Commissioner Bradford was not present and Commissioner Ahearne abstained.

cc:
Chairman Hendrie
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Bradford
Commissioner Ahearne
Acting Director, Policy Evaluation