



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

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December 27, 1979

OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lee V. Gossick, Executive
Director for Operations
Leonard Rickwit, Jr., General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary *SP*

SUBJECT: SECY-A-79-91 - DIRECTOR'S DENIAL OF 2.206 RELIEF (IN THE
MATTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE)
(COMMISSIONER ACTION ITEM)

This is to advise you that the Commission (with Chairman Ahearne and Commissioners Kennedy and Bradford concurring) has agreed that supervening events have raised questions which should be addressed by the NRC staff before a decision is made on whether the Director's denial should be reviewed. The Commission did not adopt the order contained in the subject staff paper. In lieu thereof, the Secretary signed an order (copy attached for ready reference) extending the time within which the Commission may act to review the Director's decision until January 31, 1980.

In the meantime, the NRC staff is requested to assess the statements reported to have been made to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission on November 13, 1979, as well as any other more recent pertinent information, and report to the Commission its assessment of the significance of these events and whether this assessment indicates that the Director's decision should be modified.

Commissioner Gilinsky did not participate in this action, and Commissioner Hendrie disqualified himself from participation.

It is requested that the Executive Director for Operations provide the additional information desired by the Commission through the Office of the Secretary by c.o.b. January 11, 1980.

Attachment:
As stated

cc:
Chairman Ahearne
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Hendrie
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