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Mr. Joseph M. Felton, Director Division of Rules and Records Office of Administration Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: FOIA Request For SECY Staff Requirements

Memo S81-168

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as amended (5 U.S.C. \$552), I hereby request a copy of SECY Staff Requirements Memorandum S81-168 which reports the final action of the members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on SECY-81-168, "Proposed Rulemaking to Reduce or Eliminate Requirements with Respect to Financial Qualifications for Power Reactors." SECY Staff Requirements Memorandum S81-168 is referenced in M810406, a memorandum dated April 8, 1981 from Samuel J. Chilk to William J. Dircks and Leonard Bickwit, Jr. regarding the Commission's April 6, 1981 discussion of revised licensing procedures.

While the Commissioners briefly discussed SECY-81-168 at its April 6, 1981 public meeting, the discussion did not fully reflect either the position of each Commissioner on SECY-81-168 or the Commission's final decision on the matter. M810406, discussed above, also does not indicate the substance

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of the Commission's final disposition of SECY-81-168, but rather references Staff Requirements Memorandum S81-168, which is not available from the NRC Public Document Room. Therefore, the FOIA process is the appropriate channel through which to obtain information about the Commission's final action on SECY-81-168.

If access to the requested memorandum or to any portion of the requested memorandum is denied for any reason, please provide a detailed description of the memorandum being withheld or the material deleted and specify the reasons for the refusal to provide access, including citation to statutory authority relied on and the reasons which the NRC believes make such authority applicable. Please separately state whether the NRC believes that it has discretionary power to release any withheld document or deleted material and the reasons why the NRC has elected not to exercise its discretionary power to release the record or material. Information requested in the preceding two sentences will be of assistance in deciding whether to appeal any decision not to release a requested record or portion thereof and may avoid unnecessary litigation.

I agree to pay any fees properly assessed pursuant to NRC regulations implementing FOIA, up to the amount or \$20.00. If fees are estimated to exceel \$20.00, please inform me promptly.

I will expect to receive a reply within ten working days, in accordance with NRC regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act. If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone me or my legal assistant, Margie Brawner, at the above number.

Sincerely,

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