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MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Dircks, Executive Director  
for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: SECY-81-69 - RECONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE  
APPROACHES TO NRC'S PRESENT PRACTICES IN  
TREATMENT OF NEED FOR POWER AND ENERGY  
CONSERVATION

This is to advise you that the Commission (with all Commissioners approving, except as noted below) has approved the following in regard to SECY-81-69:

- 1) As a matter of policy the Commission endorses placing substantial reliance on State assessments of need for power, energy conservation, and alternative energy source analyses to fulfill NRC's NEPA responsibilities. The staff should develop procedures to solicit State and FERC input for the licensing EIS and for testimony before licensing boards.
- 2) Rulemaking should be initiated to preclude, in the absence of very significant new information, the reconsideration at the OL stage of need for power and energy alternatives.

Commissioner Bradford wants public comments as to the correct threshold when the need for power and energy alternatives should be considered at the OL stage. He does not endorse "very significant new information" as the right alternative at this time.

cc: Chairman Hendrie  
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