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MEMORANDUM FOR: John E. Zerbe, Director
Office of Policy Evaluation
FROM: William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON EXTENT AND COST OF BACKFITTING

At the October 7, 1982 Commission briefing by the Regulatory Reform Task Force, Commissioner Gilinsky asked for information on the extent and cost of NRC backfitting requirements and complaints regarding the manner that backfitting has been carried out.

Enclosure 1 (NUREG-0839) is a survey by senior NRC management to obtain viewpoints on the safety impact of NRC's regulatory activities. It includes a number of complaints regarding the manner in which backfitting has been carried out.

Enclosure 2 (LA-9519-MS) is a report prepared for DOE which analyzes proposed licensing reforms. The report (page 35) presents an estimate of backfitting costs based on discussions with some plant managers as well as other industry personnel. NRC has not, to my knowledge, made a survey of the cost of backfitting requirements.

I suggest you transmit this material to the Commission for their information.

(Signed) Jack W. Roe *JWR*
William J. Dircks
Executive Directors for Operations

- Enclosures:
1. NUREG-0839
2. DOE Report LA-9519-MS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: James R. Tourtellotte, Chairman
Regulatory Reform Task Force

William J. Dircks, Executive Director
for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING BY REGULATORY
REFORM TASK FORCE (LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS),
10:30 A.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1982,
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, D.C. OFFICE
(OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission was briefed by J. Tourtellotte, Chairman of the Regulatory Reform Task Force, on the status of proposed legislation.

The Commission requested that the RRTF include in the proposed legislative package items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 and eliminate items 4, 7, 8 and 9 from the list on page 2 of SECY-82-399. Chairman Palladino requested that item 6 be included in the legislative and administrative package as appropriate. Mr. Tourtellotte noted that both the legislative and administrative reform proposals would be forwarded for Commission consideration by November 8, 1982.

(RRTF)

(SECY Suspense: 11/8/82)

(Subsequent to the meeting, Commissioner Roberts commented that he would not have eliminated items 4, 7, 8 and 9 from the legislative package.)

Commissioner Gilinsky requested that staff provide data on the extent and cost of NRC backfitting requirements and complaints regarding the manner that backfitting has been carried out.

(EDO/OPE)

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(Subsequently, a Briefing by Regulatory Reform Task Force - Administrative Proposals was scheduled for November 8, 1982.)

cc: Chairman Palladino
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