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RULEMAKING ISSUE

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(NEGATIVE CONSENT)

SECY-99-225

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FOR: The Commissioners
FROM: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: RULEMAKING PLAN FOR CHANGES TO 10 CFR PART 55 TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF SIMULATION FACILITIES IN OPERATOR LICENSING

SUMMARY

The attached Rulemaking Plan and recommended reductions in unnecessary regulatory burden in 10 CFR Part 55 address industry concerns associated with establishing license eligibility for operators and maintaining simulation facilities for use in training and testing of operators. The plan also addresses related changes for §55.4, "Definitions," and §55.59, "Requalification."

PURPOSE:

To obtain Commission approval to proceed with the development of rulemaking to revise 10 CFR Part 55 in the following areas:

- 1) eligibility to apply for a license as prescribed in §55.31(a)(5), "How to apply," and
- 2) implementation of simulation facilities for use in operator licensing tests as prescribed in §55.45(b), "Operating tests."
- 3) conforming changes for §55.4, "Definitions," and §55.59, "Requalification."


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Commissioner McGaffigan's Comments on SECY-99-225

I approve the staff's recommendations in SECY-99-225. In particular, I find it noteworthy that the staff has been able to endorse the consensus standard, ANSI/ANS 3.5-1998 without the exceptions or clarifications that have been necessitated by previous revisions. This is clearly consistent with the intent of the National Technology Transfer Act of 1995. I commend the staff and industry for achieving this outcome.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. McGaffigan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and a stylized "M" and "G".