

November 23, 2005

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons

FROM: Luis A. Reyes **/RA Martin J. Virgilio Acting For/**
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT - BROADCASTING OF COMMISSION
MEETINGS OVER THE INTERNET

In response to SECY-01-0077, "Broadcasting of Commission Meetings Over the Internet," the Commission issued a Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) dated June 7, 2001, approving the broadcast of live and archived Commission meetings for viewing on the Internet. The SRM directed the staff to report to the Commission annually on Webcast system usage and associated program costs. This memorandum provides the report for FY 2005.

During FY 2005, 23 Commission meetings were broadcast live over the Internet, and an archived version of each meeting was subsequently made available for delayed viewing. Also during this period, the opening remarks and Commission Plenary Sessions at the 2005 NRC Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) were made available for archived viewing.

As illustrated in Enclosure 1, audiences for both the live and archived Webcasts continued to grow during FY 2005, with non-NRC viewers comprising the larger increase. During FY 2005, NRC Webcasts attracted 5,168 viewers. It should be noted that because many system firewall protection schemes prevent identifying multiple hits by the same viewer, these unique viewer statistics are only approximate. The 5,168 viewers in FY 2005 represent an increase of 87% over the viewers in FY 2004, a 164% increase over the viewers in FY 2003, and a 235% increase over the viewers who watched NRC's Webcasts in FY 2002. Further, as reflected in Enclosure 2, these significant increases in total viewers have occurred without a substantial rise in the number of meetings Webcast annually.

In Enclosure 3, the size of the viewing audience for each FY 2005 live and archived Webcast is provided, with a breakout of the NRC and non-NRC viewers.

In Enclosure 4, a graphic breakdown of the major affiliations of the NRC's Webcast audience is outlined, as identified in the Webcast survey responses received in FY 2005. The affiliations continue to reflect a diverse audience of NRC and other Government staff, utility personnel, public interest groups, and the general public.

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The total annual cost for the Webcast services in FY 2005 was \$121,470, which is \$7,410 less than the FY 2004 total cost of \$128,880. This reduction is primarily due to the decrease in monthly fixed-fees for the Webcast system that were negotiated into the option years of the current Webcast support contract. The Webcast support contract is now in its first of 4 option years. The FY 2005 total cost includes \$16,150 to add closed captioning to 23 of the 24 Webcasts, an average of \$702 per meeting.

Enclosure 5 provides a breakdown of the additional per-meeting cost for each Webcast to be closed captioned (captioning is provided by a separate contractor). Closed captioning was added to the Webcasts to comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.

In accordance with the SRM dated June 7, 2001, the staff has provided an annual report to inform the Commission of the costs and use of the Webcast system. The FY 2005 data demonstrates the continued growth in viewer activity and that this medium is being used by the public and stakeholders to observe the Commission's activities. The use of Webcasting by both the private sector and Government is expanding rapidly and has become an effective communication tool.

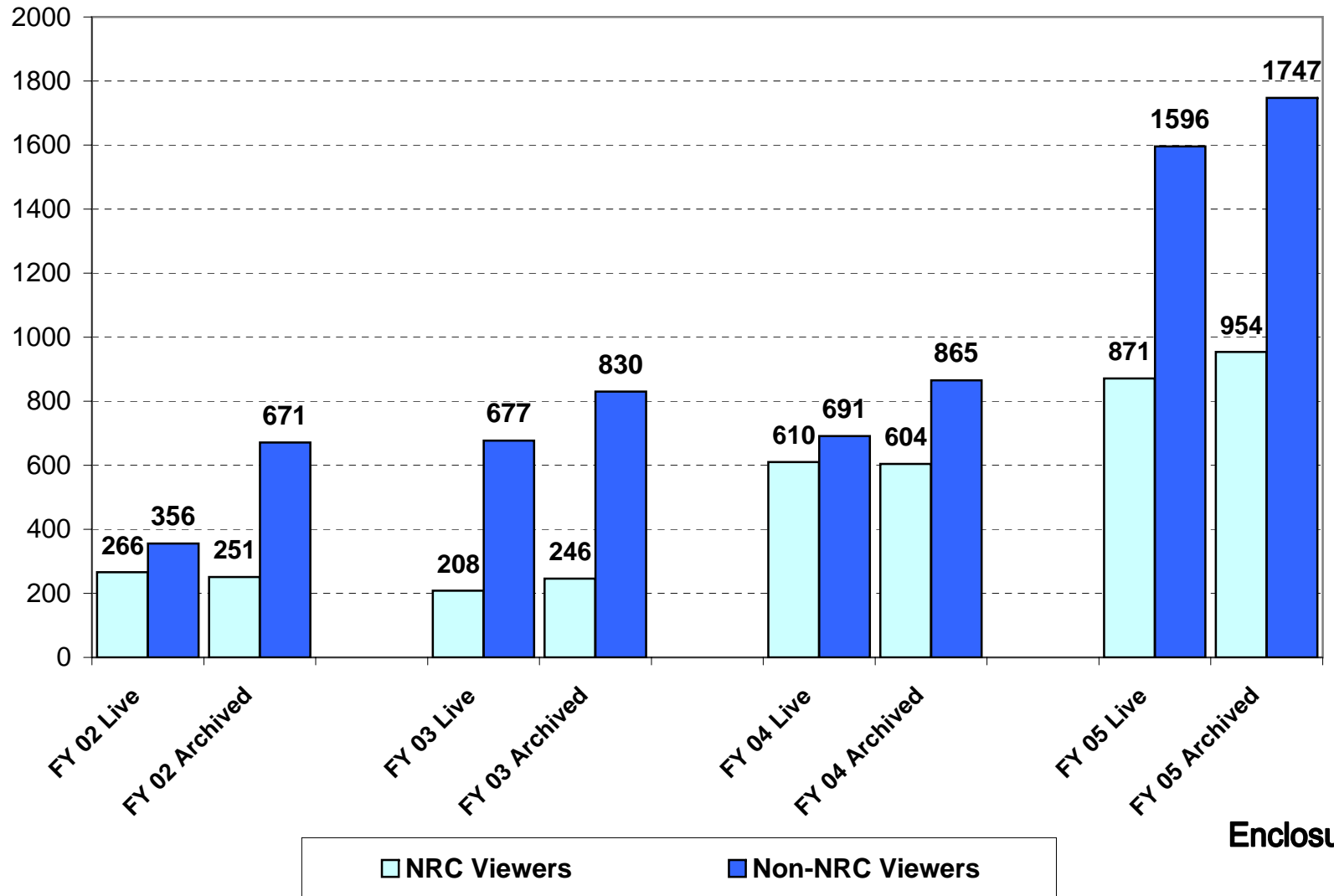
Based on the FY 2005 data, we anticipate future continued growth in the number of viewers, and no significant cost impacts with the provision of this service. Therefore, with the Commission's approval, the staff plans to eliminate future submission of this report and obtain future Commission direction on the continuation of the Webcasting program as part of the annual budget process. SECY please track.

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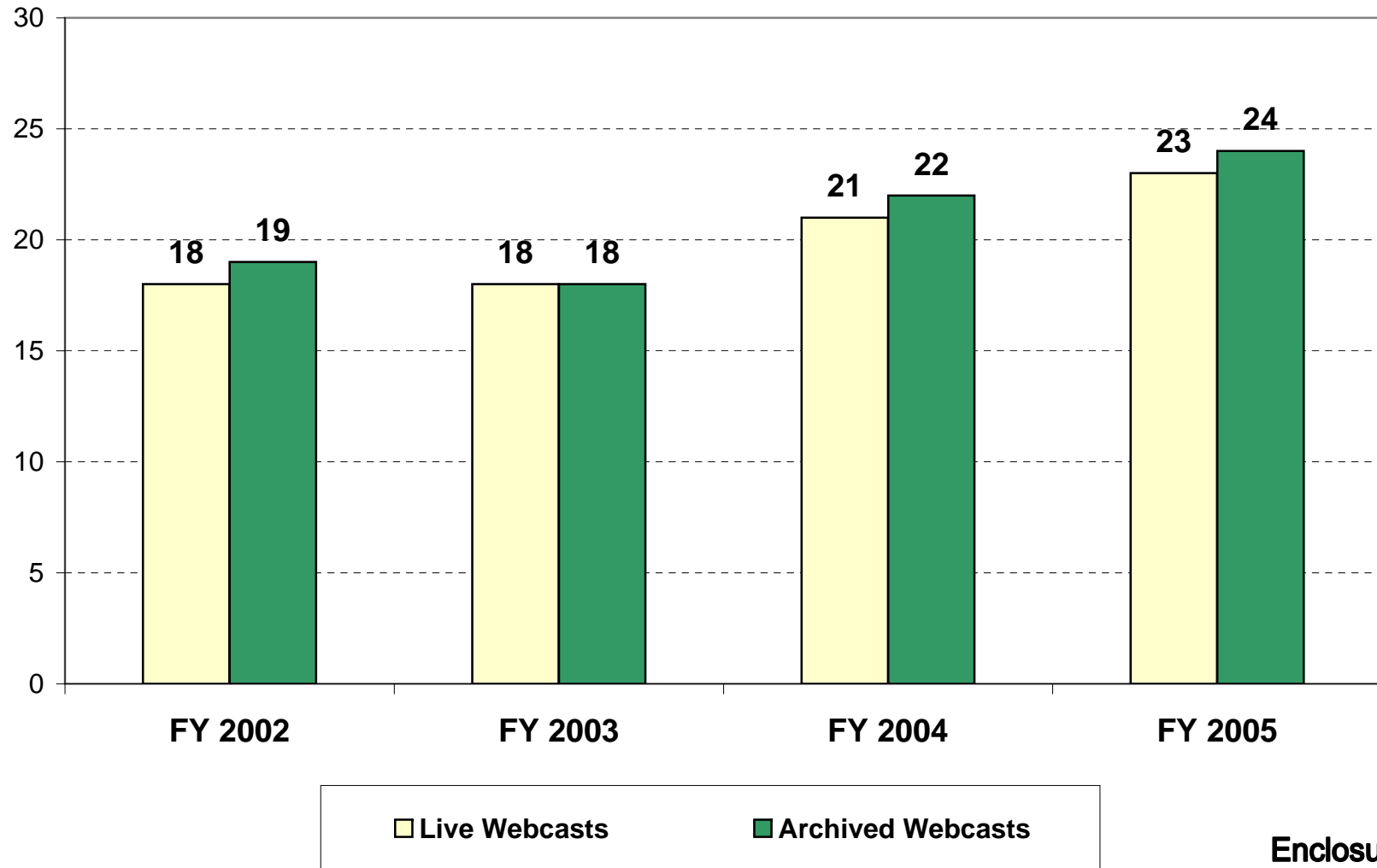
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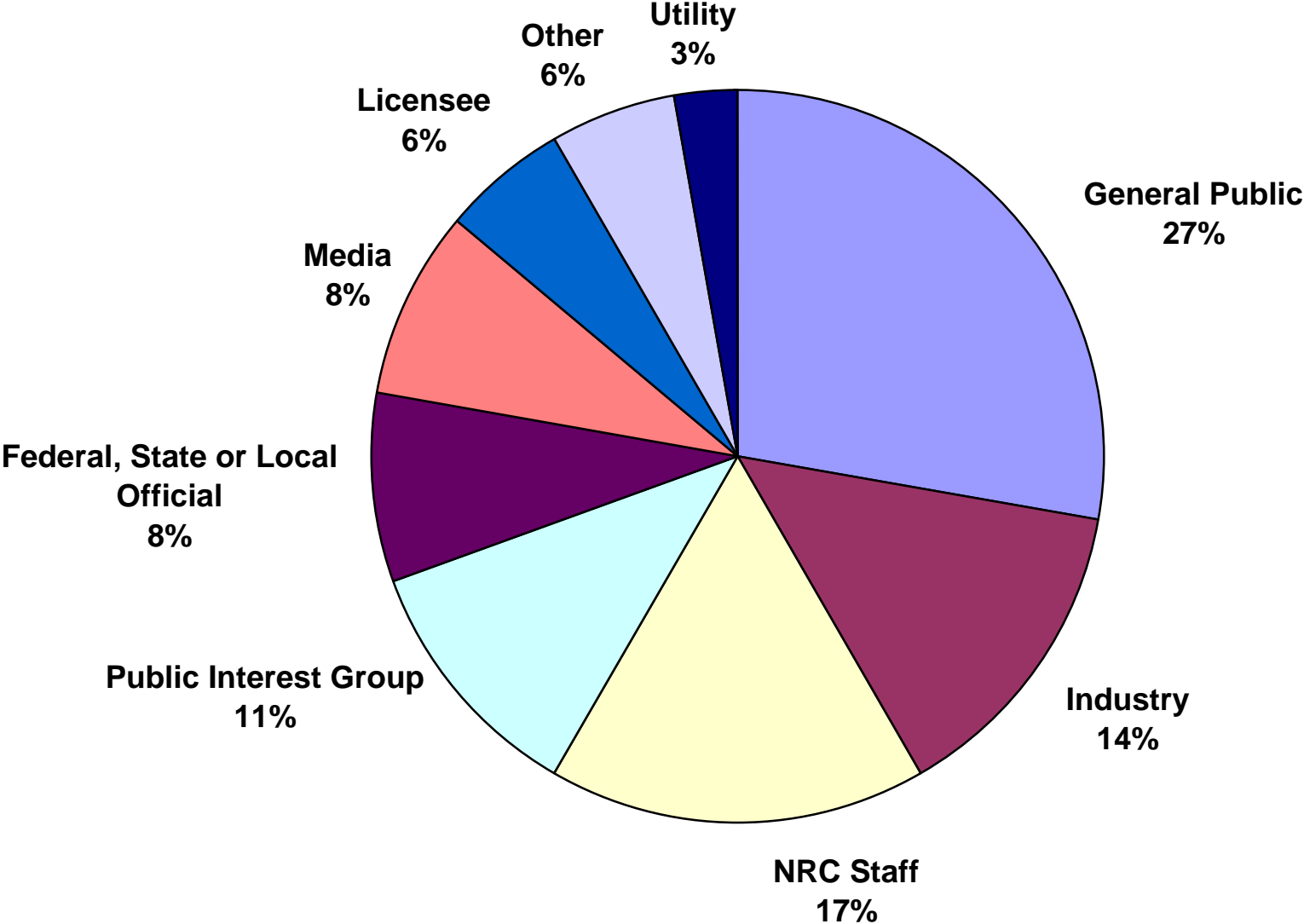
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2	11/08/04 Commission Briefing on Plant Aging and Material Degradation Issues: Part 1 & 2	\$1,200
3	12/07/04 Commission Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program	\$750
4	12/08/04 Commission Briefing on Status of Davis Besse Lessons Learned Task Force Recommendations	\$750
5	12/09/04 Commission Briefing on Reactor Safety and Licensing Activities	\$750
6	12/14/04 Commission Briefing on Emergency Preparedness Program Initiatives	\$300
7	2/15/05 Commission Briefing on the Status of Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Programs, Performance and Plans - Waste Safety	\$600
8	2/22/05 Commission Briefing on Status of Office of Information Services (OIS) Programs, Performance, and Plans	\$300
9	2/23/05 Commission Briefing on Status of Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) Programs, Performance and Plans	\$300
10	2/24/05 Commission Briefing on Nuclear Fuel Performance	\$600
11	3/07/05 Commission Briefing on the Status of Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Programs, Performance and Plans - Material Safety	\$600
12	3/08-09/05 2005 NRC Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) - Opening Remarks and Commission Plenary Sessions	\$1,800
13	3/16/05 Commission Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW)	\$600
14	3/29/05 Commission Briefing on the Status of Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) Programs, Performance and Plans	\$600
15	4/05/05 Commission Briefing on the Status of Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) Programs, Performance, and Plans	\$600
16	4/06/05 Commission Briefing on Status of New Site and Reactor Licensing	Not Captioned
17	4/07/05 Commission Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)	\$400
18	4/20/05 Commission Briefing on the Status of Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Programs Performance and Plans	\$750
19	4/20/05 Commission Meeting with Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes (ACMUI) & NRC Staff	\$600
20	4/25/05 Commission Briefing on Grid Stability and Offsite Power Issues	\$900
21	5/25/05 Commission Briefing on Results of the Agency Action Review Meeting	\$900
22	6/02/05 Commission Briefing on Office of International Programs (OIP) Programs, Performance and Plans	\$600
23	6/28/05 Commission Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity Program	\$600
24	8/16/05 Commission Meeting with Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD)	\$750

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