

June 12, 2001

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-01-0091

TITLE: ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 1, RENEWAL
 OF FULL-POWER OPERATING LICENSE

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of June 12, 2001.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc: Chairman Meserve
 Commissioner Dicus
 Commissioner Diaz
 Commissioner McGaffigan
 Commissioner Merrifield
 OGC
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 PDR

VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-01-0091

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. MESERVE	X				X	6/6/01
COMR. DICUS	X					5/23/01
COMR. DIAZ	X				X	5/24/01
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	X				X	6/6/01
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X				X	5/31/01

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, all Commissioners approved the staff's recommendation and some provided additional comments. Subsequently, the comments of the Commission were incorporated into the guidance to staff as reflected in the SRM issued on June 12, 2001.

Commissioner Comments on SECY-01-0091

Chairman Meserve

I approve the staff's recommendation to authorize the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to renew the operating license of ANO-1 for an additional 20 years, upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters. I also note that the staff will make any necessary conforming changes to the renewed license as a result of any pending licensing actions while the Commission is considering the staff's recommendations.

I commend the technical reviewers, regional inspectors, other involved staff, and the project manager, Mr. Prato, for their efforts in completing this rigorous review so swiftly.

Commissioner Diaz

I approve the staff's recommendation that the Commission authorize the Director of NRR to renew the operating license for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters. I also acknowledge that the staff will make any necessary conforming changes to the renewed license as a result of any pending licensing actions while the Commission considers the staff's recommendations.

I commend the staff and Mr. Robert Prato, NRR project manager for ANO-1 license renewal for their efforts. It is clear that this thorough review was conducted with utmost efficiency and is an outstanding example of how NRC actions can meet all of the performance goals identified in the NRC's Strategic Plan. It is noteworthy that although license renewal can take about 30 months, this exacting review was completed in about half this time.

Commissioner McGaffigan

I approve the staff's recommendations in SECY-00-0010, as follows:

I approve authorizing the Director of NRR to renew the operating license for ANO-1, upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters.

I acknowledge that the staff will make any necessary conforming changes to the renewed licenses as a result of any pending licensing actions while the Commission is considering the staff's recommendations.

I join Commissioners Diaz and Merrifield in commending staff and senior management for their outstanding efforts associated with the thorough and timely review of this renewal application. I also commend the ACRS for their extraordinary effort in carrying out their statutory function of reviewing the safety evaluation report and expeditiously providing their views to the Commission. I particularly appreciate ACRS's comments regarding the potential need at some point in the future to revise the aging management program to deal with cracking at weld joints of the control rod drive mechanisms (CRDM) pressure boundary in light of the recent observations of circumferential cracking in CRDM nozzle penetrations at Oconee Unit 3. I concur with ACRS's expectation that this current problem will be resolved within our normal processes and that the

resolution will then be incorporated into the current licensing basis and carried over into the license renewal period.

One final caution. While I appreciate the staff's ability to carry out this license renewal in 15 months, stakeholders should understand that a variety of factors, particularly ANO-1's similarity to Oconee, permitted the accelerated review in this case. We are still budgeting for an 18-24 month review when there is no hearing, and 30 months with a hearing. Given the enormous increase in workload about to occur, the staff will do well to meet the planned time periods in future renewals.

Commissioner Merrifield

I approve the staff's recommendation that the Commission authorize the Director of NRR to renew the operating license for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1, for an additional 20 years upon making the appropriate findings on safety and environmental matters. I also recognize that the staff will make any necessary conforming changes to the renewed license as a result of any pending licensing actions while the Commission is considering the staff's recommendations.

I commend the licensing, technical, inspection, and legal staffs for their outstanding efforts associated with the review of this renewal application. It is clear that the staff conducted a thorough review, and did so in a disciplined and timely manner. I also commend the senior management of this agency for providing exemplary leadership and oversight during this significant review process. I encourage NRR to apply the lessons learned during this review to future renewal reviews, and to continue to strive for even further process improvements.