

January 29, 1999

MEMORANDUM William D. Travers

TO: Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-98-274 - COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO
CENTRALIZE ITS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FACILITIES AT ITS CORPORATE OFFICES

The Commission has approved Option 2, accepting the proposal of Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) to relocate its Emergency Operations Facilities (EOF) to its corporate offices. The staff should monitor the licensee's transition to a centralized EOF to ensure emergency response capabilities are not diminished. Once implemented, the staff should monitor the licensee's ability to meet the centralized EOF staffing and timeliness commitments and ensure that communication and coordination between the licensee, public, as well as State, County, and Federal agencies are not adversely affected by ComEd's centralized EOF approach. The Commission should be promptly informed of significant problems related to the ability of parties to carry out their emergency response functions that are directly related to ComEd's centralized EOF approach.

The Commission's approval of this proposal should not be interpreted by the staff as generic support of the centralized EOF approach in all cases. The staff should carefully review proposals from other licensees on a case-by-case basis to ensure that emergency response, communication, and coordination are not adversely affected by the proposals.

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