

April 20, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Stuart Reiter **/RA/**
Acting Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: PRICE INCREASES FOR COPYING NRC DOCUMENTS

Attached for your signature is a final rule that increases the prices the public must pay the PDR's contractor for copying NRC documents. This price increase is justified by the contractors increased costs for supplies (toner, paper, equipment, and labor) and by the dramatic decrease in copying since the implementation of ADAMS.

Background: Throughout the 1990's the PDR's document reproduction contractors, operating in a paper and microfiche environment, copied well over 3 million pages of documents a year for the public. Since the introduction of ADAMS in late 2000, and the move of the PDR to OWFN, the volume of copying has dropped by over 50 percent. In 2000, the level of copying was 1.6 million pages. Based on first quarter statistics, less than 1,000,000 pages will be copied in 2001. Since the copy service contract is a no-cost-to-the-government contract, the contractor must provide all supplies and equipment. Early this year the current contractor asked permission to increase prices to recover his increased costs. The NRC believes that the price increase is reasonable and in line with the prices charged by other Federal agencies to copy documents. Our proposed prices for paper-to-paper coping is 15 cents per page and 15 cents per page for microfiche-to-paper copying. A survey of similar government libraries and information centers showed that the average price for paper-to-paper coping is 20 cents per page and 27 cents per page for microfiche-to-paper copying. Proposed pricing for all other services are shown on the last page of the attached Federal Register Notice.

Notice: A notice to the Commission that the EDO has signed the enclosed Federal Register notice is attached for inclusion in the Daily Staff Notes.

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2. Approval Publication

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