

May 24, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary */RA/*

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COMNJD-01-0001 - POWER
UPRATE APPLICATIONS

The Commission has agreed that the applications for power uprates and extended power uprates should be assigned high priority, and should be conducted in the most effective and efficient manner, consistent with the Agency's performance goals.

The staff should take steps to better understand licensees intentions in this area in order to facilitate planning. Additional detail should be obtained regarding the number of licensees that intend to apply for power uprates, the size of the proposed uprates, and the schedules associated with the uprate applications. Once the breadth and timing of the expected power uprate activity is understood, the staff should then assure that adequate resources are available to accommodate the demand. Until then, the staff should seek to prioritize power uprate reviews in a way that does not unnecessarily delay licensees' plans for implementing such uprates.

The staff, in consultation with stakeholders, should identify potential areas for improvement in current processes so as to assure that the current processes do not impose needless impediments.

The staff should keep the Commission informed of significant matters related to power uprates. The staff should continue to track the status of power uprate activities in the Chairman's Tasking Memorandum. The Commission should be promptly informed of any delays in the staff's power uprate activities.

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