

April 14, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Kenneth R. Hart, Acting Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COMGBJ-06-0001- ESTABLISHING
A POLICY FOR THE REVIEW OF NEW POWER REACTOR
COMBINED OPERATING LICENSES

The staff should provide an update on activities related to the design-centered-review process for combined license (COL) applications in the next semiannual status update on new reactor licensing. The staff should inform the Commission promptly of any impediments to conducting COL application reviews using the design-centered-review process.

The staff should continue to utilize the well established planning, budgeting, and performance management (PBPM) process to manage work in the area of new reactor licensing. The staff should ensure that its plans are updated as more detailed information becomes available regarding actual applications and coordination and standardization of these applications for review using the design-centered-review process.

At this time it is premature for the Commission to establish a prioritization scheme regarding new reactor applications. However, the staff should specifically address in the upcoming semiannual status update on new reactor licensing the policy issues related to new reactor applications, as well as the potential need for further identification of significant issues and associated resources, as appropriate. The staff should seek Commission direction on policy issues the staff identifies related to new reactor application reviews as early as possible.

The staff should continue to regularly and publicly meet and work together with all interested potential COL applicants to 1) achieve and clearly document (e.g., in a Regulatory Guide and other appropriate guidance) the scope, level of detail, and format needed for the COL applications to be effectively and efficiently reviewed by the staff, and 2) coordinate the timing and standardization of any future COL submittals to optimize the efficiency of the staff's design-centered-review approach.

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