

August 24, 2006

MEMORANDUM TO: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-06-0173 - HISTORY OF THE
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AND OPTIONS TO
PROVIDE CONFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY/IDENTITY OF A
CALLER

The Commission has approved the staff's proposal for the use of authentication codes to validate caller identification during imminent threats and physical attacks. The staff is encouraged to use flexibility in the approach to use of authentication codes in a manner to be determined by the staff in consultation with industry.

The Commission has also approved the staff's approach to use the formal generic communication tool of a public Security Advisory to communicate the new procedure. The staff should edit the last page of the draft Security Advisory to delete the word "safeguards" to avoid any confusion about the handling of this advisory.

The staff should carefully consider longer term enhancements in terms of the capabilities and flexibility of the technology and the resources needed to deploy and maintain such enhancements. The Commission noted that the ongoing, rapid evolution in information and communication technology cautions against large capital investments. The goal is to identify and implement technology that works, but that is not cost prohibitive with regard to initial costs and the required maintenance or upgrading of the system.

cc: Chairman Klein
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons
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