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SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO: Victor M. McCree
Executive Director for Operations

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

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – COMSECY-16-0006 – REVISION TO
THE AGENCY'S LONG-TERM RESEARCH PROGRAM AND
RELATED REPORTING TO THE COMMISSION

The Commission has approved the staff's proposal to reconsider the Agency's Long-Term Research Program (LTRP) to examine how long-term research can be performed more effectively and efficiently.

If the staff recommends continuing the LTRP, the staff should also develop objective measures for LTRP projects and establish methods to tie interim milestones more directly to user needs in the licensing and oversight programs.

In examining the value of the LTRP, the staff should examine similarities and overlap between the LTRP and the generic issues program, including an assessment of how integration between the two programs could be beneficial and whether the two programs could be blended to accomplish the objectives of both in a more efficient manner.

cc: Chairman Burns
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