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OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM FOR: Samuel J. Chilk  
Secretary

FROM: James R. Curtiss *Jim R. Curtiss*

SUBJECT: CANADIAN CANDU-3 DESIGN CERTIFICATION (SECY-  
89-350; COMKR-89-5)

I have the following views on the subject initiatives:

- 1) With respect to FY 1990 resources, I endorse the staff's plan to budget one FTE for the CANDU-3 review in FY 1990.
- 2) I endorse the staff's proposed plan to process a CANDU-3 application, as set forth in SECY-89-350, subject to the availability of resources.
- 3) With respect to resources for FY 1991 and beyond, while I concur in the action taken by the Commission to eliminate funding and resources at this time from our FY 1991 budget request for review of the CANDU-3 design, if the Canadian Government should come forward with the funds necessary to support this review, I think we should proceed in accordance with the plan set forth in SECY-89-350.
- 4) I would recommend that the Office of General Counsel solicit the views of the U.S. Trade Representative on the implications of the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement for our consideration of this matter.
- 5) I would direct the staff to evaluate the question of whether a prototype will be required for the CANDU-3 design and submit that evaluation to the Commission for our consideration.
- 6) I would direct the staff to apprise the Commission of any expression of interest on the part of potential domestic customers for an NRC-certified CANDU-3 design.
- 7) I agree to the release of SECY-89-350.

cc: Chairman Carr  
Commissioner Roberts  
Commissioner Rogers  
Commissioner Remick  
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