

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: John C. Hoyle, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER ROGERS

SUBJECT: SECY-96-206 - RULEMAKING PLAN FOR AMENDMENTS  
TO 10 CFR PART 55 TO CHANGE LICENSED  
OPERATOR EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Approved <sup>\* Subject \*</sup> comments <sub>KCH</sub> Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_ Request Discussion \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: SEE ATTACHMENT. <sub>KCH</sub>

Kenneth C. Rogers  
SIGNATURE

Release Vote ☒

October 9, 1996  
DATE

Withhold Vote ☐

Entered on "AS" Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Rogers' Comments on Secy-96-206

I approve the staff's rulemaking plan which addresses development of a rule that would implement new procedures for the preparation and administration of the initial examinations for power reactor operators. I also approve permitting interim licensee implementation on, a voluntary basis, of the staff guidance on the preparation of licensing exams contained in NUREG-1021.

The quality of the results of the proposed revised examination process are very dependent upon the abilities of the NRC Chief Examiners to identify weak examinations and to work with facility licensees to maintain examination quality. Maintaining a high degree of examiner proficiency in these matters is of paramount importance. Therefore, adequate resources should be budgeted every year to ensure this result. The regular convening of operator licensing examiners training conferences and refresher training sessions, perhaps on an annual basis, planned by the staff can help to sustain and improve the examiners proficiencies in the relevant technical and communications skills.

The staff should provide the Commission with an annual update of experience with the new examination procedure.

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