

August 22, 2000

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-00-0154
TITLE: RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO SECTION D OF POLICY STATEMENT ON STAFF MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum ([SRM](#)) of August 22, 2000.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Commission.

Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments: 1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield
OGC
EDO
PDR

VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-00-0154

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. MESERVE	X				X	7/21/00
COMR. DICUS	X					7/20/00
COMR. DIAZ	X					7/26/00
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	X				X	7/31/00
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X				X	7/31/00

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, all Commissioners approved the staff's recommendation and some provided additional comments. Subsequently, the comments of the Commission were incorporated into the guidance to staff as reflected in the SRM issued on August 22, 2000.

Commissioner Comments on SECY-00-0154

Commissioner McGaffigan

I vote to approve publication of the revised Policy Statement in its entirety, subject to editing the last sentence of paragraph D.1 to add the phrase "via a toll-free phone number" so that it reads: "Members of the public who cannot access the NRC

Web site can contact the NRC Public Document Room staff via a toll-free number for information on scheduled NRC meetings." This change makes clear that meeting information will remain available for members of the public who do not have access to the NRC web site by contacting the PDR using a toll-free phone number.

However, I believe that the staff needs to undertake some additional measures to be sure that this policy change is implemented fairly and efficiently, maintaining public access to NRC meeting information. To be sure that a member of the public would be able to figure out where and how to actually reach this source of meeting information, I suggest that the staff consider either transferring the existing toll-free number that is used for NRC meeting announcements to the PDR, or, as stated in the Federal Register notice on the proposed policy statement revision: use that number for a recording referring callers to the PDR's phone number. Furthermore, because I have found that the PDR is not a self-evident source to obtain meeting information, and that the NRC toll-free phone numbers are not readily available from directory assistance, I suggest that the NRC operators be instructed to forward incoming general inquiry calls about NRC meetings to the PDR and to give the toll-free PDR phone number to the caller.