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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Diaz Commissioner McGaffigan **Commissioner Merrifield Commissioner Jaczko Commissioner Lyons**

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Executive Director for Operations

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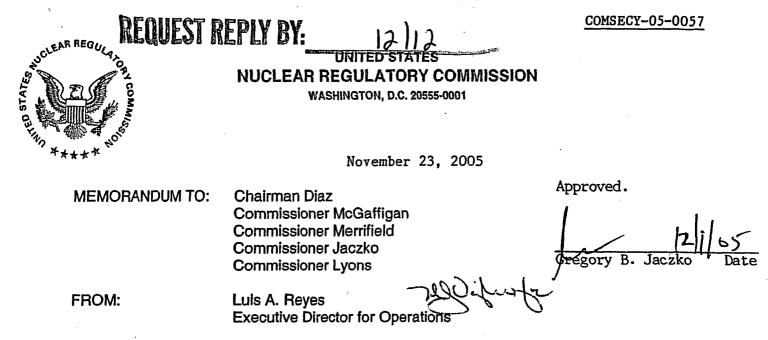
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Commissioner Merrifield's comments on COMSECY-05-0057:

I am very pleased to see that the use of webcasting of Commission meetings has expanded rapidly over the past four years and that the overall costs of the program have decreased. I believe the information provided to the Commission in this annual report on this important and effective communication tool is very useful. I do not approve the staff's recommendation to eliminate future submission of this report to the Commission. This type and level of information is not provided to the Commission during the annual budget process.

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