

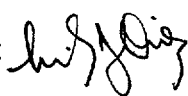


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COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Nils J. Diaz 

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RE: EFFECTS OF INDUSTRY
CONSOLIDATION ON NRC OVERSIGHT

The Commission is observing enormous changes in the structure of the nuclear power industry. I note with particular interest the recently announced merger of Unicom and PECO Energy that will involve ownership of plants in a number of states and within the coverage of more than one NRC regional office. Significant mergers and other forms of restructuring that may involve plant locations in more than one NRC region will almost certainly continue. For instance, the press has reported that Entergy is expressing interest in buying plants in the Midwest. Therefore, I would be interested in learning whether the staff has developed any early views on what, if any, potential long-term effects of industry consolidation on NRC oversight are likely or may merit consideration.

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