

NOTATION VOTE

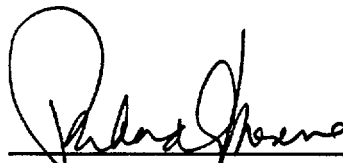
RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: CHAIRMAN MESERVE
SUBJECT: **SECY-00-0035 - PUBLIC CONFIDENCE SURVEY**

Approved _____ Disapproved w/comments Abstain _____

Not Participating _____

COMMENTS:



SIGNATURE

Feb. 28, 2000

DATE

Entered on "STARS" Yes No _____

Chairman Meserve's Comments on SECY-00-0035

I support the staff's efforts to improve public confidence and appreciate the difficulty in measuring the level of confidence the public has in the agency. However, I believe that it is premature at this time to expend resources to conduct formal public surveys until the focus, intent, and use of such surveys are more clearly defined and the segments of the "public" that should be subject to formal surveying have been more sharply defined. Accordingly, I disapprove Option 2 and instead endorse the augmented outreach and feedback efforts outlined in Option 3 of SECY-00-0035.

The staff should focus on obtaining feedback from those members of the public who attend agency public meetings or other outreach activities to ascertain their views on the agency's activities and on their interaction with the NRC. Augmenting the current process in this manner will provide the staff with valuable feedback from members of the public who are involved in the agency's processes. After the staff has had an opportunity to obtain and analyze information gained from this effort, it may then be appropriate for the staff to conduct one or more formal public surveys covering defined segments of the population and focusing on specific Commission activities or issues.

Any resources necessary for this effort, including any contractor assistance, should be reprogrammed within existing agency resources.