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Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Acting Secretary

Commissioner Diaz

Commissioner McGaffigan

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

COMNJD-97-007/COMEXM-97-004 - STREAMLINING NRC ADJUDICATIONS

The Commission has not provided the necessary majority to establish the proposed task force to address the matter of streamlining NRC's adjudicatory practices and procedures. The General Counsel has been reviewing the current adjudicatory procedures in 10 CFR Part 2 to determine whether the adjudicatory process could be expedited (without rule changes) for license renewal and license transfer proceedings and intends to complete this review by February 2, 1998. This additional information may be helpful to the Commission in establishing further direction in this area. In light of the pending OGC analysis on this topic, the Commission defers final action on COMNJD-97-007/COMEXM-97-004 and reserves the question of whether a formal task force is necessary until it has reviewed those analyses.

CC:

Chairman Jackson Commissioner Dicus OGC EDO CIO CFO OCA OCAA ASLBP OIG

NOTE:

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