COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-98-194

TITLE: UPGRADING THE NRC OPERATIONS CENTER EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

The Commission (with all participating Commissioners agreeing) approved near-term Option 1 and mid-term Option 2 in the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of December 9, 1998. Commissioner Diaz did not participate in this item.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, comments of Chairman Jackson, and the SRM of December 9, 1998.

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John C. Hoyle
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments: 1. Voting Summary
              2. Commissioner Vote Sheets
              3. Final SRM

cc: Chairman Jackson
         Commissioner Dicus
         Commissioner Diaz
         Commissioner McGaffigan
         Commissioner Merrifield
         OGC
         EDO
         PDR
         DCS

VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-98-194

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. JACKSON	X				X	11/25/98
COMR. DICUS	X					11/23/98
COMR. DIAZ				X		11/15/98
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	X					11/12/98
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X					11/3/98

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, all participating Commissioners approved near-term Option 1 and mid-term Option 2 as recommended by the staff and Chairman

Jackson provided some additional comments. Commissioner Diaz did not participate in this item. Subsequently, the comments of the Commission were incorporated into the guidance to staff as reflected in the SRM issued on December 9, 1998.

Chairman Jackson's comments on SECY-98-194

The staff recommendations of near-term option (1) and mid-term option (2) are approved.

For mid-term option (2), the staff should include an evaluation or estimate of the anticipated NRC expenses and resources required to verify that the licensees have provided emergency communications which are consistent with reliability and diversity requirements recommended in that option. If this evaluation concludes that the expense is excessive, other options should be evaluated.

The staff should integrate the transition to different telecommunication methods with the efforts to identify Y2K vulnerabilities, as well as integrate the system transitions with the NRC contingency plans for Y2K.