COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-98-294

TITLE: CHANGES TO PARAGRAPH (h) OF 10 CFR PART 50.55a, "CODES AND STANDARDS"

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as noted in the Affirmation Session and recorded in the meeting Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of March 26, 1999.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Commissioners, and the Affirmation Session SRM of March 26, 1999.

Annette Vietti-Cook 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

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VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-98-294

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. JACKSON	Χ				X	1/28/99
COMR. DICUS	Χ					1/29/99
COMR. DIAZ	Χ					1/20/99
COMR. McGAFFIGAN	Χ				X	3/8/99
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X					1/12/99

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, all Commissioners approved the staff's recommendation and some provided additional comments. Subsequently, the comments of the Commission were incorporated into the guidance to staff as noted in the Affirmation Session and reflected in the meeting SRM issued on March 26, 1999.

Commissioner Comments on SECY-98-294

Chairman Jackson

The letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives should be revised to reflect the recent change in that position.

Commissioner McGaffigan

I approve the staff's recommendation in SECY-98-294 to publish the final rule, as amended in SECY-99-061, amending 10 CFR 50.55a(h).

As was alluded to by the staff in the "Background" section of SECY-99-061, I had declined to approve SECY-98-294, as originally submitted by the staff, due to my concern over the apparent conflict with 10 CFR 52.63, "Finality of standard design certifications." Specifically, it appeared that future combined license applicants, even those referencing a certified standard design, would be required to meet IEEE Std. 603-1991 no matter what standard under which the standard design had been reviewed and approved. Imposing a new requirement in such a manner would be counter to the Commission's intent to provide finality for standard designs. I commend the staff for promptly revising the rule to resolve this issue.