UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commission Hearing Room 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland

Wednesday, December 20, 2000

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 3:30

p.m.,

Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICHARD A. MESERVE, Chairman

GRETA J. DICUS, Member of the Commission

NILS J. DIAZ, Member of the Commission

EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary

KAREN D. CYR, General Counsel

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[3:30 p.m.]

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Good afternoon. We have one item before us for affirmation. Madam Secretary, you may proceed.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum responding to a motion for clarification by the State of Utah related to the regulation allowing a petition for review after a partial initial decision by the Licensing Board, 10 CFR Section 2.786(b). The Commission has voted to approve a memorandum which provides that the rulings rejecting or dismissing bases or related contentions should be appealed immediately after the partial initial decision. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Aye

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye

MS. VIETTI-COOK: That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Very good. Thank you very much. We're

adjourned. [3:35 p.m.]

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