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## P R O C E E D I N G S

[9:05 a.m.]

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3 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: Good morning, ladies and  
4 gentlemen. We are here to take additional limited  
5 appearance statements, should there be anybody who wishes to  
6 present one.

7 Given the fact that I think all you people here  
8 know who we are, we won't have to introduce the Board  
9 members again. I may do so if people show up.

10 Our plan is to wait for a few minutes to see if  
11 anybody is going to show up. I think our notice said that  
12 we would stay for either two hours or for enough time to  
13 handle those who were here, after which we would leave.

14 We propose to wait a few minutes, and if no one  
15 shows up, or no one desires to make a statement, then we  
16 will close down and go off on a site tour, to which all  
17 parties have been invited to send a representative.

18 So, with that, unless there are further statements  
19 by anyone here, I will wait to see if anybody shows up.

20 [Pause.]

21 MR. BESADE: Excuse me, Judge, could you begin  
22 again?

23 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: Well, what I said was that  
24 we had scheduled a limited appearance session for up to two  
25 hours this morning, which was in addition to the session we

1 held on Tuesday night. But I said unless there are people  
2 here who wish to make statements -- and I don't see anyone  
3 who isn't a representative of one of the parties.

4 If there should be anybody, they could come up and  
5 make a statement, but I don't see anyone. I said we would  
6 wait a few minutes, ten minutes, maybe, to see if anyone  
7 comes.

8 And I noted that we would stay for either two  
9 hours or for such time as is -- up to two hours, but if no  
10 one was left to make a statement, we would leave early.

11 So, with that, I guess we'll -- there does not  
12 appear to be anybody here.

13 JUDGE COLE: Are you making a limited appearance  
14 statement?

15 MS. BESADE: Does that disqualify me from today?

16 JUDGE COLE: No, I asked if yo had already made a  
17 limited appearance statement.

18 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: Well, let's see if anybody

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20 JUDGE COLE: Do you have something to add to your  
21 previous statement.

22 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: Let's find out if the mobs  
23 of people here are waiting to make statements.

24 Does anybody who is waiting to make a statement  
25 have any objection?

1 [No response.]

2 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: Otherwise, you're welcome  
3 to.

4 JUDGE COLE: Why don't you start your statement  
5 now, sir.

6 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: Why don't you start it now.  
7 What I was saying was that we would wait --

8 MS. BESADE: I don't have anything written down or  
9 prepared, so I'm just going to --

10 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: That's all right.

11 MS. BESADE: I'm just going to pay it by heart.

12 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: Again, identify yourself  
13 again for the record.

14 MS. BESADE: I'm Joseph Besade, former pipefitter  
15 at Millstone since 1973, until I was -- saw to it that I  
16 wasn't a team player in the past seven years. I kind of had  
17 zero income, but that's all right.

18 I'm a licensed master plumber and steamfitter in  
19 the State of Connecticut, so I'm not exactly a nobody.

20 But the thing is, as far as this subject we're  
21 getting around to here now with this enlarging the -- for  
22 the benefit of -- I'm not saying Northeast Utilities,  
23 because they are going to possibly be sold next month, and  
24 as far as giving them or the new owner, who has a bad track  
25 record, any advantage to have the new enlarged capacity with

1 the pool with the smaller racks, I'm saying no.

2 Because these people here are going to take and  
3 cut their work force by possibly 25 percent. We know what  
4 we're dealing with now with the NRC and what's taken place  
5 for the past 20 years.

6 With this new outfit that's coming in with  
7 foreigners and all, we have no idea what kind of control  
8 we're going to have.

9 I only live two miles from plant and have been in  
10 Waterford for 38 years. All of a sudden, I've got a mental  
11 block.

12 So, will I get a chance to speak again later, or  
13 is this is it?

14 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: This is it.

15 MS. BESADE: This is it, all right, well, I only  
16 wish I had a couple of footnotes.

17 As far as Northeast Utilities --

18 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: If I might interrupt you,  
19 the proceeding for the new owners, if there be those --

20 MS. BESADE: Oh, the new owners --

21 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: We don't -- that's not  
22 within our jurisdiction, but I believe the Commission is --

23 MS. BESADE: Yes, could you go -- in other words,  
24 if you was to do all of us what all of us people who have  
25 been here before you and spoke the other night, and they

1 were just the people in front of the thousands in Long  
2 Island and Connecticut, if you was to give them the wishes  
3 that they want, they don't want this to -- this pool to be  
4 enlarged.

5           Could this be postponed until the new owners take  
6 over, and then we find out what kind of people we're dealing  
7 with as far as whether we should give them the advantage of  
8 staying in business for another 25 years with this new cash  
9 cow that they're going to but at ten cents on the dollar,  
10 and that us people in Connecticut have to make up the other?

11           CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: No, I don't think we could  
12 do that. We have to get a decision out in a reasonable  
13 time.

14           MS. BESADE: But this is what I'm saying now,  
15 postpone it. Table it, do whatever you have to do, and let  
16 the new owners take over.

17           CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: All right, I'm not sure that  
18 there is anything that we could do about that.

19           MS. BESADE: You will be in charge.

20           CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: No, I won't be in charge.  
21 There will be another proceeding before the Commission or  
22 before a Board that gets assigned. I'm not sure how it will  
23 work.

24           MS. BESADE: There will be people in the same  
25 position as you, if you three gentlemen should retire,

1 correct? The NRC will still be around.

2 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: No, the proceeding will be  
3 set up with either a Board or the Commission itself to  
4 handle the transfer, proposed transfer.

5 MS. BESADE: All right, so my request is --

6 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: And it won't be us.

7 MS. BESADE: Okay, my request is for you three  
8 gentlemen to go back, put your heads together and come back  
9 and rule in what the public wants, for a change. And with  
10 that, I'll --

11 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: Well, it's based on what we  
12 have on the record, and we will rule on the particular  
13 contentions before us.

14 MS. BESADE: It's just that you fellows make a  
15 decision and you live miles away, and we have to live with  
16 whatever you come up with for an answer.

17 With that, let's --

18 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: We'll have to resolve the  
19 Contentions before us, and that's all we really have  
20 jurisdiction to do.

21 MS. BESADE: According to our local paper, you'll  
22 make your decision within 90 days, correct?

23 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: That's likely to be correct.

24 MS. BESADE: I hope so.

25 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: Yes.

1 MS. BESADE: Okay, thank you, gentlemen.

2 JUDGE COLE: Thank you, Mr. Besade.

3 [Discussion off the record.]

4 CHAIRMAN BECHHOEFER: There does appear ta the  
5 moment to be anyone else who wishes to make a statement. I  
6 guess we will wait about five or ten more minutes before we  
7 adjourn.

8 If anybody is here who wishes to make a statement  
9 -- I don't see anyone. I don't see any non-parties or  
10 persons, but -- well, we'll wait a few more minutes to see  
11 if anybody shows up.

12 I guess we can go off the record.

13 [Discussion off the record.]

14 [Whereupon, at 9:15 a.m., the limited appearance  
15 session was concluded.]

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