

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland
Wednesday, September 4, 2002

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 10:25a.m.

Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICHARD A. MESERVE, Chairman

GRETA JOY 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, Office of the General Counsel

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[10:25 a.m.]

P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Good morning. This is an affirmation session. And I understand we have two items to deal with this morning. Madam Secretary you may proceed.

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: Thank you. Commissioner Dicus are you on the line?

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Yes, I'm on the line.

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: OK, I'm going to call you out separately at the end. OK?

COMMISSIONER DICUS: That's fine.

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: OK, the Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending 10 CFR Part 63 to establish the annual probability of occurrence that defines an unlikely feature, event, or process. The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule, subject to the changes in the attachment to this affirmation notice and the SRM that will be issued following the affirmation session. Would you please affirm your votes.

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Aye

COMMISSIONER DIAZ: Aye

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Dicus would you please affirm your vote.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: The second item is in the matter of Duke Cogema Stone and Webster (Savannah River Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility); Board's certified question regarding procedure. The Commission is being asked to rule on a certified question concerning whether the appropriate provisions of 10 CFR Part 2, Subparts I and G, concerning the procedures for dealing with classified and safeguards information should be applied to this modified Subpart L proceeding. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which accepts the Board's procedural recommendations in this matter and directs the staff to keep the Board apprised of changes in the status of the Memorandum of Understanding between the NRC and the Department of Energy regarding the two agencies' responsibilities for granting security clearances. Would you please affirm your votes.

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Dicus, would you please affirm your vote.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

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

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Thank you very much with that we're adjourned.

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