UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commission Hearing Room 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland Thursday, February 5, 2004

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 10:45 a.m.,

Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

NILS J. DIAZ, Chairman

EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Member of the Commission (VIA TELECON)

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission

KAREN D. CYR, General Counsel

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PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Good morning. Madame Secretary, please proceed.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Merrifield, can you hear me okay?

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: I can hear you.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Okay. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to Petitions for Review filed by the State of Utah and Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia which present numerous issues for consideration. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which denies the review for the most part, but grants review and requests further briefs on two issues related to NEPA concerns raised in Utah contention U bases 2, and cost-benefit issues raised in Utah contentions CC and SS. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Merrifield, would you please affirm your vote?

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

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

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: All right, thank you. Do my fellow Commissioners have any additional comments? If not, we're adjourned.

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