

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland
March 26, 2010

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 1:00 p.m.,
Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

GREGORY B. JACZKO, Chairman of the Commission

DALE E. KLEIN, Member of the Commission

KRISTINE L. SVINICKI, Member of the Commission via telecom

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

STEPHEN BURNS, General Counsel

ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission

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[1:00 p.m.]

P R O C E E D I N G S

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Svinicki?

COMMISSIONER SVINICKI: Yes, is that Annette?

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Yes, can you hear me ok?

COMMISSIONER SVINICKI: Yes, I can hear you very clear.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Chairman shall I go?

CHAIRMAN JACZKO: Yes go ahead.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The first item is Entergy Nuclear Generation Company and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Incorporated (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station). The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to a Petition for Review by Pilgrim Watch of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's decision in LBP-07-13 (among other Board decisions), which dismissed Contention 3. The Commission, with Commissioner Svinicki filing additional views, has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order, which grants review of the Board decision dismissing Contention 3, reverses in part the decision, and remands Contention 3, as limited by today's ruling, to the Board for hearing. Would the Commissioners in the room please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN JACZKO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER KLEIN: Aye.

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

COMMISSIONER SVINICKI: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The second item is on the Tennessee Valley Authority (Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 2). The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to an appeal by the Sierra Club, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League,

Tennessee Environmental Council, and We the People, Incorporated (collectively, referred to as Petitioners) of a Board decision in the *Watts Bar* operating license proceeding. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which affirms the decision denying Petitioners' motion to permit late intervention, as well as their request for hearing. Would the Commissioners in the room please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN JACZKO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER KLEIN: Aye.

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

COMMISSIONER SVINICKI: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Okay. Thank you very much for calling in.

CHAIRMAN JACZKO: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER KLEIN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SVINICKI: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JACZKO: Any comments from any of the Commissioners? Okay. Thank you.

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