

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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AFFIRMATION SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

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

Thursday, September 17, 1998

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 9:05 a.m.,

Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

SHIRLEY ANN JACKSON, Chairman of the Commission

NILS J. DIAZ, Member of the Commission

EDWARD McGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

**STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:**

**JOHN C. HOYLE, Secretary**

**STEPHEN G. BURNS, Deputy General Counsel**

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

[9:05 a.m.]

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. This is an Affirmation Session. We have two items to come before us this morning. Before I ask the Secretary to lead us through the items for affirmation, do any of my colleagues have any opening comments they wish to make?

COMMISSIONER DIAZ: No.

COMMISSIONER McGAFFIGAN: No.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, Mr. Secretary, please proceed.

MR. HOYLE: Thank you, Chairman Jackson. The first item is SECY-98-214. This regards the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company Calvert Cliffs case. The Commission is being asked to act on an Order addressing the National Whistleblowers Center's September 11 petition for review of the August 27 Board Order denying the Center's motion for enlargement of time within which to submit contentions. The Order grants an extension until September 30. Each of you has voted to approve the Order. I ask you to affirm your votes.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER McGAFFIGAN: Aye.

MR. HOYLE: Thanks. The second is SECY-98-216. This is regarding the North Atlantic Energy Corporation Seabrook case. The Commission is taking sua sponte review of LBP-98-23. To exercise its inherent authority over adjudications and

review the segmentation issue and the Board's intervention rulings, the Order requests the parties to provide briefs on all issues relevant to segmentation and intervention and specifically brief two Board statements. Each of you has voted to approve this Order.

Please affirm your votes.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER McGAFFIGAN: Aye.

MR. HOYLE. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON. Is there anything else to come before us this morning?

MR. HOYLE. Not this morning.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, we stand adjourned.

MR. HOYLE. Thank you.

[Whereupon, at 9:10 a.m., the affirmation session was adjourned.]

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