

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

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

Wednesday, December 22, 1999

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 11:30 a.m.,
Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICHARD A. MESERVE, Chairman of the Commission

GRETA J. DICUS, 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

JOSEPH R. GRAY, Associate General Counsel for Licensing
and Regulation

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[11:30 a.m.]

P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Why don't we get started? We're here this morning for an affirmation session. Before I turn this matter over to the Secretary, would any of my colleagues like to make an opening statement?

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: No.

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: If not, Madam Secretary, you may proceed.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which vacates LBP-99-45, grants GPU's request to withdraw without prejudice its license amendment application, and terminates the proceeding. Would you please affirm your vote?

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Had Commissioner Diaz been here he would have affirmed the Memorandum and Order as well. The second item the Commission is being asked to act on is a Memorandum and Order involving a September 10, 1999, license transfer application by AmerGen Energy Company, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation regarding Units 1 and 2 of the Nine Mile Point nuclear generating facility. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which grants standing to the co-owners of Nine Mile

Point, Unit 2, permits the New York Attorney General to participate in a manner analogous to a participating government under 10 CFR Part 2.715(c) should a hearing be granted, rejects co-owners' "suggestion" that formal hearing procedures be applied in this case, and provides a short suspension of the proceeding. Would you please affirm your vote?

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Again, had Commissioner Diaz been here he would have affirmed this Memorandum and Order as well.

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Are there any other matters you want to bring to our attention?

MS. VIETTI-COOK: No.

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: If not, do we have any closing statements by my colleagues?

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Then we stand adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 11:35 a.m., the affirmation session was adjourned.]

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