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Room 1130  
1717 H Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Tuesday, 16 October 1979  
4:18 p.m.

BEFORE:

DR. JOSEPH M. HENDRIE, Chairman

VICTOR GILINSKY, Commissioner

RICHARD T. KENNEDY, Commissioner

PETER A. BRADFORD, Commissioner

JOHN F. AHEARNE, Commissioner

PRESENT:

Messrs. Bickwit, Chilk, and Gossick.

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gsh 1 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: The first thing I will need to  
2 do, then, is to ask you to join me in voting to hold a short  
3 notice affirmation meeting for the EPICOR-2 order at Three  
4 Mile Island, unit 2.

5 [those in favor?

6 (A chorus of ayes.

7 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: So ordered.

8 Do you want me to introduce them, Sam, or shall you? Last  
9 week the commission heard discussions, a continuation,  
10 actually, of discussions on the operation of the EPICOR  
11 facility at Three Mile Island. The proposition before the  
12 House was the operation of the EPICOR-2 filtration and ion  
13 exchange unit to decontaminate intermediate level  
14 radioactive waste water now held in the Three Mile Island  
15 Unit 2 auxiliary and fuel handling building tankage.

16 The tankage is about to become full. There is before the  
17 House no motion here to discharge any of the products to the  
18 general environment.

19 The aim is to remove the bulk of the radioactive material  
20 from the water in those tanks where it must be regarded as  
21 having some residual opportunity for leakage, error on  
22 turning a valve, or whatever, and getting out the people.  
23 And to concentrate that activity on the system on the resins,  
24 where it is much less likely to get out and be of concern  
25 to people.

1           The commission had had the matter under advisement across  
2 the weekend, and it is my understanding that the current  
3 draft of a memorandum and order that has been circulated is  
4 acceptable to the commissioners and that the commissioners have  
5 indicated to the general counsel that that is the case and I  
6 would, assuming that, in fact, to be the case, would ask if  
7 you are now willing to affirm your votes on the memorandum and  
8 order.

9           Those in favor?

10                   (A chorus of ayes.)

11           CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: So ordered. Obviously, the order  
12 should be available forthwith publicly.

13                   (Whereupon, at 4:21, the committee adjourned.)

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