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PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
One White Flint North  
Rockville, Maryland

Tuesday, December 5, 1989

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 11:30 o'clock, a.m., Kenneth M. Carr, Chairman presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

KENNETH M. CARR, Chairman  
KENNETH C. ROGERS, Commissioner  
JAMES R. CURTISS, Commissioner  
FORREST J. REMICK, Commissioner

STAFF SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

SAMUEL J. CHILK, Secretary

WILLIAM C. PARLER, General Counsel



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CHAIRMAN CARR: We welcome to this meeting our new Commissioner, Forrest Remick -- welcome.

COMMISSIONER REMICK: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CARR: This is an affirmation session. We have one item to come before us this morning. As I understand it, Mr. Secretary, we need a short-notice vote. Is that correct?

MR. CHILK: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN CARR: Will you take us through that?

MR. CHILK: If the Commission would vote to hold this affirmation of SECY-89-325 on less than one week's notice, please.

(Chorus of ayes.)

MR. CHILK: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CARR: Before I ask the Secretary to lead us through the item for affirmation, do any of my fellow Commissioners have any opening comments they wish to make?

(No response)

CHAIRMAN CARR: If not, Mr. Secretary, you may proceed.

MR. CHILK: One item before us, Mr. Chairman, is SECY-89-325. It's a revised policy statement and enforcement criteria related to the maintenance of nuclear power plants.

The Commission in this paper is being asked to approve revisions to its policy statement on maintenance at nuclear power plants to emphasize the Commission's expectations and future actions planned in the maintenance area and to restate the Commission's views with respect to what constitutes an effective maintenance program.

Secondly, the Commission is also being asked to approve revisions to the policy and procedures for enforcement actions to add a civil penalty adjustment factor for violations involving maintenance deficiencies at nuclear power plants. Revisions to the enforcement policy will only be applied for violations which occur ninety days or later after the date of publication in the Federal Register.

All the Commissioners have approved the attached policy statement on maintenance at the nuclear power plants, that policy statement being attached to our memorandum of December 5, 1989. With respect to the enforcement criteria, Chairman Carr, Commissioners Roberts, Rogers, and Curtiss have approved the revisions to the enforcement policy.

Commissioner Remick disapproves the enforcement portion of the maintenance policy due to reservations regarding the ability to conclusively determine that maintenance is a root factor of regulatory violation and he also believes that special treatment of maintenance violations in this way will draw the licensees' attention and resources from other

operational areas which might have equal or even greater safety importance relative to maintenance.

Would you please affirm your votes?

(Chorus of ayes)

MR. CHILK: I have nothing further.

CHAIRMAN CARR: Anything else to come before us today?

(No response)

CHAIRMAN CARR: We stand adjourned.

(Whereupon, the foregoing proceedings was adjourned at 11:35 o'clock, a.m.)

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