

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

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

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 9:00 a.m.,

Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

SHIRLEY ANN JACKSON, 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

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STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary

STEPHEN G. BURNS, Deputy General Counsel

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[9:00 a.m.]

P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. This is an Affirmation Session. We have one item 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 remarks they wish to make? If not, Madam Secretary, please proceed.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order on the five year export license to Transnuclear, Inc. The Commission, with Chairman Jackson and Commissioners Dicus and Merrifield agreeing, has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which approves the license to export highly enriched uranium to Canada over a five year period for use as targets in the MAPLE reactors for the production of isotopes for medical applications. The Order also requires Commission annual reviews of the status reports from the Executive Branch and Applicants to ensure active development of LEU targets for the MAPLE reactors. Commissioners Diaz and McGaffigan disapproved the five year license and would have preferred to limit the export to 60 percent of the amount requested, believing that the Commission did not have adequate assurance that active development of LEU targets for the MAPLE reactors would continue. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

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

MS. VIETTI-COOK: No.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, we're adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 9:03 a.m., the affirmation session was adjourned.]

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