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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION MEETING

Tuesday, 24 January 1978
Room 1130
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

The Commission met, pursuant to notice, at 5:05 p.m.

BEFORE:

DR. JOSEPH M. HENDRIE, Chairman

PETER A. BRADFORD, Commissioner

VICTOR GILINSKY, Commissioner

RICHARD T. KENNEDY, Commissioner

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: The affirmation session, let us
3 affirm things.

4 MR. CHILK: Four items. The first one deals with
5 SECY 77343. It's a petition by Detroit Edison and the Public
6 Service Company of Indiana for issuance of a rule concerning
7 regulatory authority over transmission lines.

8 The petitioners request that the Commission amend
9 this regulation to clarify the extent of the Commission's regu-
10 latory authority over the construction and routing of transmis-
11 sion lines and related equipment associated with nuclear power
12 reactors, and to clarify the extent to which the environmental
13 impact of such lines and equipment must be considered, and the
14 Commission's assessment of the environmental impact of licensing
15 of a particular nuclear facility, pursuant to NEPA.

16 The staff has recommended that the petition be denied.
17 They base their denial on their considerations in the Wolf Creek
18 case and analysis of NEPA.

19 All of you have agreed with the recommendation of
20 the staff that the petition be denied.

21 I now ask for affirmation.

22 VOICES: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: So ordered.

24 MR. CHILK: The second one is SECY 77480A, which is
25 a policy statement on implementing certain study group

1 recommendations on improving nuclear power plant licensing.

2 You've heard this in October. You've approved an
3 action plan to implement a study group recommendation. The
4 staff has now come back and has indicated that four of the
5 recommendations fit together in an integrated package, and they
6 are suggesting and recommending the enclosed policy statement
7 be published.

8 The Chairman noted that, with a few editorial changes,
9 Mr. Gilinsky approved, Mr. Kennedy approved, suggesting a brief-
10 ing as called for in the paper, that he scheduled a little
11 earlier. Commissioner Bradford commented on one of the recom-
12 mendations and wanted some additional information. The staff
13 has come back and replied to all of that.

14 I now ask you to affirm your votes on this.

15 (Chorus of ayes.)

16 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: So ordered.

17 MR. CHILK: The third one deals with SECY 77574A,
18 which is a proposed policy statement on camera coverage. This
19 deals with the camera coverage of hearings. It's a matter that
20 you heard recently. The paper was then revised.

21 I only had two votes, but I understand all four of
22 you were in agreement with the paper and are prepared to affirm
23 it.

24 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: I think that's right. That's
25 the basis on which I left it to Joe. I think Joe, here, said

1 he was going to go to the other office -- was that the board
2 would make one effort to find out if that particular courtroom
3 could be used. The judge in this particular courtroom said,
4 "Fine." He said, "Yes."

5 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: I would think we're probably
6 doing that now.

7 MR. CHILK: Our policy statement said it will con-
8 tinue to be the practice of the hearing board to use federal
9 and state courtrooms.

10 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: That's right. Yes. That's
11 fine. That's consistent with asking once and finding out what
12 the judge wants.

13 MR. CHILK: And we separate that all.

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: So ordered.

16 MR. CHILK: The fourth and last item --

17 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: I point out to you that the
18 foundations of the nation are trembling. If we put cameras in
19 there -- we're talking about this room, too, I believe; aren't
20 we?

21 MR. CHILK: No, no. We're just talking about licens-
22 ing boards, just the boards, not the Commission.

23 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: Well --

24 MR. CHILK: The fourth and last item is an amendment
25 to draft final rule which would permit the public to taperecord

1 only Commission meetings. This is a matter in which you also
2 agreed to sometime ago. The general counsel has now provided
3 a document which is the final rule to be published on it, in
4 accordance with your desires.

5 I ask for affirmation.

6 (Chorus of ayes.)

7 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: So ordered.

8 (Whereupon, at 5:10 p.m., the affirmation meeting
9 was adjourned.)

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