

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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AFFIRMATION SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland  
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice at 9:45 a.m., Ho K. Nieh, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

HO K. NIEH, Chairman (via teleconference)

DAVID A. WRIGHT, Member of the Commission (via teleconference)

BRADLEY R. CROWELL, Member of the Commission (via teleconference)

MATTHEW J. MARZANO, Member of the Commission (via teleconference)

DOUGLAS W. WEAVER, Member of the Commission (via teleconference)

ALSO PRESENT:

DAVID TAGGART, Acting General Counsel (via teleconference)

CARRIE M. SAFFORD, Secretary of the Commission (via teleconference)

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[9:45 a.m.]

## PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Good morning, I am Ho Nieh, the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and I am presiding over this public affirmation session

Joining me are the other currently serving members of the Commission, the Secretary, and the Acting General Counsel.

Madam Secretary, I believe we have six items for affirmation. Would you please lead the Commission through those items?

CARRIE M. SAFFORD: Yes, Chairman. Good morning. Today's first item is SECY-24-0095 - Virginia Electric and Power Company (North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2); Appeal of LBP-24-4 (denying hearing in subsequent license renewal proceeding). The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order addressing an appeal of Beyond Nuclear, Inc. and Sierra Club, Inc. of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's decision in LBP-24-7 denying their hearing request in the subsequent license renewal proceeding for North Anna Power Station.

The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order that affirms the Board's decision in LBP-24-7.

Would you please affirm your votes after I call your name?

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CROWELL: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MARZANO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WEAVER: Aye.

CARRIE M. SAFFORD: Thank you. Today's second item is SECY-25-0011 - Florida Power & Light Company (Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Units 3 and 4), Petition for Review of LBP-24-8. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order addressing the petition for review of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's decision in LBP-24-8, which dismissed the contentions submitted by Miami Waterkeeper and terminated the proceeding related to the subsequent license renewal of Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Units 3 and 4.

The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order that denies Miami Waterkeeper's petition for review. Chairman Nieh did not participate.

Would you please affirm your votes after I call your name?

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CROWELL: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MARZANO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WEAVER: Aye.

CARRIE M. SAFFORD: Thank you. Today's third item is SECY-25-0079 - Notice and Order for Global Laser Enrichment, LLC Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to the June 2025 application from Global Laser Enrichment, LLC for a license to possess equipment capable of enriching uranium, to construct and operate a uranium enrichment facility, and to receive title to, own, acquire, receive, possess, use, transfer, and/or deliver source material, special nuclear material, and

byproduct material as specified in the license for a facility that uses laser-based isotope separation technology to enrich uranium.

The Commission has voted to approve a *Federal Register* notice and Order, which provides a notice of hearing, guidance on several issues, and a milestone schedule to be followed in the proceeding.

Would you please affirm your votes after I call your name?

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CROWELL: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MARZANO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WEAVER: Aye.

CARRIE M. SAFFORD: Thank you. Today's fourth item is SECY-25-0100 - Final Rule, FR-6: Freedom of Information Act Implementing Regulations. The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* that implements the Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA, to provide clarity, promote agency accountability, improve efficiency in responding to FOIA requests, update roles and responsibilities, and align the regulations with current Federal best practices for implementing FOIA.

The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule. The Commission has also certified, under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, that this rule will not have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Would you please affirm your votes after I call your name?

COMMISSIONER NIEH: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CROWELL: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MARZANO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WEAVER: Aye.

CARRIE M. SAFFORD: Thank you. Today's fifth item is SECY-25-0101 - Entergy Nuclear Operation, Inc., Entergy Nuclear Palisades, LLC, Holtec International, and Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC-Applicants' Motion to Dismiss the Contention as Moot and to Terminate the Proceeding. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order addressing a motion submitted by Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., Entergy Nuclear Palisades, LLC, Holtec International, and Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC (collectively, Applicants), to dismiss a pending contention as moot and to terminate the proceeding. In CLI-25-2, this proceeding was placed in abeyance.

The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order that denies the Applicants' motion to dismiss and continues to hold the proceeding in abeyance pending further direction. Chairman Nieh offered additional views.

Would you please affirm your votes after I call your name?

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CROWELL: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MARZANO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WEAVER: Aye.

CARRIE M. SAFFORD: Thank you. Today's sixth and last item is SECY-26-0018 - US SFR Owner, LLC (Kemmerer Power Station, Unit 1), Docket No. 50-613-CP, Mandatory Hearing Decision. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order addressing the required findings of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* §§ 50.35, 50.40 and 51.105(a) and the issues raised as part of the uncontested hearing concerning the application of US SFR Owner, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of TerraPower, LLC, for a permit to construct Kemmerer Power Station, Unit 1, a Sodium advanced reactor plant in Lincoln County, Wyoming.

The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order that authorizes issuance of the construction permit.

Would you please affirm your votes after I call your name?

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CROWELL: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MARZANO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WEAVER: Aye.

CARRIE M. SAFFORD: Thank you, That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Thank you, Madam Secretary. Would any of the members of the Commission like to make any comments regarding the decisions just reached?

<PAUSE>

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Okay, seeing a lot of head shakes there. Thank you, Madam Secretary, to you and your team for supporting this virtual session. And I also want to thank the NRC staff for all of their hard work on the matters that the Commission affirmed today. And I want to thank my fellow Commissioners for the collegial work you all did to help reach these important decisions. Regarding the TerraPower construction permit that the Commission just affirmed, this is a historic step forward for advanced nuclear energy in the United States and it reflects the NRC's commitment to delivering timely, predictable decisions that are grounded in rigorous independent safety reviews. In my view today's affirmation session is a good indication of the work of the NRC and how we're all working together to make our safety decisions with greater efficiency, with the focus on safety. And I look forward to working with the members of the Commission on many more milestones to come. So thank you all for your participation, and I now call the Affirmation Session to a close. Thank you.

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