

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland
October 22, 2026

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice at 11:45 AM., 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:

MATTHEW POCIASK, General Counsel (via teleconference)

JODY C. MARTIN, Secretary of the Commission (via teleconference)

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[11:45 a.m.]

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Thank you, operator. Good morning, I am Ho Nieh, Chairman of the U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and I'm presiding over this affirmation session which is being conducted by teleconference. Before I turn it over to Jody Martin, I wanted to say a few words. Today we are affirming two items and one of those items is a final rule that we will be publishing. This final rule relates to how the NRC will be using information from reactors authorized by the Department of Energy and the Department of War in NRC's commercial licensing process. So, this rule delivers the Executive Order 14300 vision for an expedited path from the Department of Energy and Department of War projects to NRC commercial licensing, and we expect that high-quality applications that show how DOE and DOW information applies to NRC requirements will help us review these commercial applications more efficiently in the future if they're submitted to us. So, that is my opening remarks. I'm going to turn it over to Jody Martin, our Secretary, to facilitate the remainder of the meeting.

JODY MARTIN: Thank you, Chairman. Joining us today are the other currently serving members of the Commission. May I have each Commissioner please affirm their presence when I call their name:

Commissioner Wright: Here

Commissioner Crowell: Present

Commissioner Marzano: Here

Commissioner Weaver: Here

Also participating this morning is:

Matthew Pociask, General Counsel: Here

This meeting is open to the public to listen in.

Today we have two items for affirmation. The first is SECY-26-0099: Final Rule: NRC Reviews of Reactor Designs Previously Authorized by U.S. Department of Energy or Department of War. The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule that would facilitate direct leveraging of prior DOE or DOW authorizations of demonstration reactors into the NRC's licensing reviews of commercial reactor facility applications that reference those designs.

The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of the 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?

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CROWELL: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MARZANO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WEAVER: Aye.

JODY C. MARTIN: Thank you. The second item is SECY-26-0120: Global Laser Enrichment, LLC (Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility); Appeal of LBP-26-7 (Denial of Petition to Intervene and Request for Hearing). The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order addressing an appeal submitted by the Kentucky Resources Council, Inc. In its appeal, KRC challenges the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's decision in LBP-26-7, in which the Board denied KRC's petition to intervene and request for hearing.

The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order that affirms the Board's decision in LBP-26-7 to deny KRC's hearing request.

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.

JODY C. MARTIN: Would any members of the Commission like to make comments regarding the decisions just reached? Alright, hearing none, thank you for your participation today, I will now call the affirmation session to a close.

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