UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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AFFIRMATION SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland
October 30, 2026

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice at 1:45 P.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:

MATTHEW POCIASK, General Counsel (via teleconference)

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

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[1:49 p.m.]

P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Thank you, operator. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Ho Nieh, I'm the NRC Chairman, and we are having an affirmation session, which I am presiding over and we're doing this by teleconference, and I'm going to turn it over to our Secretary, Mr. Jody Martin, to facilitate the meeting. Jody, over to you.

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 is:

Matt Pociask, General Counsel. Here

This meeting is open for the public to listen in.

Today, we have one item for affirmation, it is SECY-26-0102: Final Rule: Streamlining Contested Adjudications in Licensing Proceedings. The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule revising the agency's rules of practice and procedure to streamline contested adjudications in NRC licensing proceedings in response to the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy Act of 2024 and Executive Order 14300.

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?

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Aye.

COMMISSIONER CROWELL: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MARZANO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER WEAVER: Aye.

JODY C. MARTIN: Would any of the members of the Commission like to make comments regarding the decision just reached?

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Mr. Secretary, this is the Chairman here. I'll just make a brief statement here. This is another rule that was promulgated in light of Executive Order 14300. I want to recognize and appreciate the work with my colleagues on the Commission and finalizing this rule. This rule is a rule that will preserve public participation while making the contested hearing process more efficient and it's an example of how the NRC is enabling the safe and secure deployment of nuclear technologies in America. Thank you.

JODY C. MARTIN: Thank you. Would anyone else like to make any comments? Alright, hearing none, thank you for your participation today, and I will now call the affirmation session to a close.

CHAIRMAN NIEH: Thank you.

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