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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commissioners Conference Room
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 11:18 a.m., Shirley A. Jackson, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

SHIRLEY A. JACKSON, Chairman of the Commission
KENNETH C. ROGERS, Commissioner
GRETA J. DICUS, Commissioner

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STAFF SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

John C. Hoyle, Secretary
Karen D. Cyr, General Counsel

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P R O C E E D I N G S
[11:18 a.m.]

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Good morning. Those remaining, ladies and gentlemen, this is an affirmation session. We have two items to come before us this morning.

Before I ask the Secretary to lead us through the items for affirmation, do my fellow Commissioners have any opening comments they would like to make?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: No.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: No.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, Mr. Secretary, you may proceed.

SECRETARY HOYLE: Thank you, Chairman Jackson. The first is a final rule-making regarding 10 CFR Parts 250 and 51 related to decommissioning of nuclear power reactors. In this paper, the Commission is being asked to approve a final rule amending its regulations on the decommissioning procedures that lead to the termination of an operating license for nuclear power reactors.

The final amendments clarify ambiguities in the current rule and codify practices that have been approved on a case-by-case basis.

The Commission has approved these amendments and I ask you now to affirm your votes.

[Chorus of ayes.]

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SECRETARY HOYLE: Thank you. The second is a paper regarding the Yankee Atomic Electric Company. The Commission is being asked in this paper to act on an order responding to petitions by the Citizens Awareness Network and the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution, who requested review of the Licensing Board's decision, LBP 96-02.

In that decision, the Licensing Board had granted standing to the Petitioners, but had declined to admit any of their contentions, denied their request for an administrative hearing, and terminated the proceeding.

All of you have approved an order granting, in part, and denying, in part, the Petitioners' appeal. The order also rejects Yankee Atomic Electric's arguments regarding Petitioners' standing and remands the case to the Licensing Board for further proceedings.

I ask you to affirm your votes.

[Chorus of ayes.]

SECRETARY HOYLE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Is there anything else to come

before us today?

SECRETARY HOYLE: No, there isn't.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, we stand adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 11:20 a.m., the affirmation session was concluded.]