

1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 2 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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 4 AFFIRMATION SESSION  
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 6 PUBLIC MEETING  
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9 Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
 10 One White Flint North  
 11 Rockville, Maryland  
 12 Wednesday, January 20, 1999  
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14 The Commission met in open session, pursuant to  
 15 notice, at 9:30 a.m., Shirley A. Jackson, Chairman,  
 16 presiding.  
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18 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- 19 SHIRLEY A. JACKSON, Chairman of the Commission
- 20 GRETA J. DICUS, Commissioner
- 21 EDWARD McGAFFIGAN, JR., Commissioner
- 22 JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Commissioner

23 STAFF PRESENT:

- 24 ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission
- 25 KAREN D. CYR, General Counsel

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 [9:30 a.m.]

3 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Good morning, ladies and  
 4 gentlemen and welcome to our affirmation session this  
 5 morning.

6 We have one item to come before the Commission  
 7 this morning. Before I ask the Secretary to lead us through  
 8 the item for affirmation, do any of my colleagues have any  
 9 comments they wish to make?

10 [No response.]

11 CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, Madam Secretary, please  
 12 lead us through.

13 MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to  
 14 act on a direct final rule amending 10 CFR 50.54(a) to  
 15 permit power reactor licensees to make quality assurance  
 16 program changes without obtaining NRC approval of these  
 17 changes in advance. The rule allows licensees to make  
 18 routine or administrative changes that should not have an  
 19 adverse impact on the effectiveness of their QA programs.

20 This action is intended to reduce the financial  
 21 and administrative burden on power reactor licensees without  
 22 adversely impacting public health and safety.

23 The Commission has voted to approve the  
 24 publication and implementation of this final rule.

25 Would you please affirm your votes?

1 [Chorus of ayes.]

2 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Is there anything else to  
 3 come before us in this affirmation session this morning?

4 MS. VIETTI-COOK: No.

5 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: If not, we are adjourning  
 6 the affirmation session and now we will begin the Commission  
 7 meeting.

8 [Whereupon, at 9:30 a.m., the affirmation session  
9 was concluded.]

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