

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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8 Nuclear Regulatory Commission
9 One White Flint North
10 Building 1, Room 1F-16
11 11555 Rockville Pike
12 Rockville, Maryland
13 Tuesday, February 9, 1999

14 The Commission met in affirmation session,
15 pursuant to notice, at 12:16 a.m., the Shirley A. Jackson,
16 Chairman, presiding.

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18 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

24 STAFF PRESENT:

- 25 ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Assistant Secretary

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

2 [12:16 p.m.]

3 CHAIRMAN JACKSON: This is an affirmation session.
4 We have one item to come before us this afternoon. Before I
5 ask the Secretary to lead us through the item for
6 affirmation, do any of my colleagues have any comments they
7 wish to make?

8 [No response.]

9 CHAIRMAN JACKSON: No. If not, Madame Secretary,
10 please proceed.

11 MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to
12 act on a final rule amending 10 CFR Part 55 to allow power
13 reactor facility licensees to prepare the initial operator
14 licensing examinations. The Commission, with Commissioners
15 Dicus, McGaffigan and Merrifield agreeing, has voted to
16 approve the publication and implementation of this final
17 rule, subject to removing the restriction which precludes
18 instructors from preparing questions related to those topics
19 on which they provided instruction. The restrictions should
20 be revised to be consistent with the restrictions on
21 requalification examinations which allow any instructor to
22 prepare the initial operating examination as long as they
23 refrain from teaching the applicants after starting work to
24 prepare the examination.

25 Chairman Jackson and Commissioner Diaz disapprove

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1 the final rule.

2 Would you please affirm your votes?

3 CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER McGAFFIGAN: Aye.

5 COMMISSIONER DIAZ: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

8 [Vote affirmed on SECY-98-266,

