

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike

Rockville, Maryland

Tuesday, August 24, 1999

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 2:00 p.m., Greta Joy Dicus, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

GRETA J. DICUS, Chairman of the Commission

NILS J. DIAZ, Member of the Commission

EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Member of the Commission

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STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary

KAREN D. CYR, General Counsel

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[2:00 p.m.]

P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN DICUS: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. This is an affirmation session. We have one item to come before us this afternoon. Before I ask the Secretary to lead us through the item for affirmation, do any of my colleagues have any other opening comments that they would like to make?

CHAIRMAN DICUS: All right, Madam Secretary, you may proceed.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending 10 CFR Part 51 to eliminate the requirement that license renewal applicants address the generic and cumulative environmental impacts associated with transportation operations in the vicinity of a high level waste repository site. This final rule also considers the potential impacts of more highly enriched and high burnup fuel. The rule also addresses local traffic impacts attributable to continued operation of the plant during the license renewal term. The Commission has voted to approve the final rule subject to the comments and changes provided in the attachment. Would you please affirm your vote?

CHAIRMAN DICUS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

CHAIRMAN DICUS: Is there anything else to come before us today?

MS. VIETTI-COOK: No.

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CHAIRMAN DICUS: Therefore, we are adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 2:05 p.m., the affirmation session was adjourned.]

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