

1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
2 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
3 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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5 AFFIRMATION SESSION
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8 Room 1F-16
9 One White Flint North
10 11555 Rockville Pike
11 Rockville, Maryland
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13 Thursday, October 21, 1999

14 The Commission met in open session, pursuant to
15 notice, at 9:32 a.m., Greta J. Dicus, Chairmabn, presiding.
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17 COMMISSIONER'S PRESENT:

- 18 GRETA J. DICUS, Chairman of the Commission
- 19 NILS J. DIAZ, Commissioner (Via Speaker Phone)
- 20 EDWARD McGAFFIGAN, JR., Commissioner
- 21 JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Commissioner
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 [9:32 a.m.]

3 CHAIRMAN DICUS: Good morning, ladies and
4 gentlemen.

5 This is an affirmation session. We have one item
6 to come before us this morning, and before I ask the
7 Secretary to lead us through the item of affirmation, do any
8 of my colleagues have any opening comments they would like
9 to make?

10 MS. VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Diaz, we're going
11 to start the affirmation session. Can you hear me?

12 The Commission is being asked to act on a
13 memorandum and order responding to petitions to intervene
14 filed by co-owners of the Seabrook Station Unit One and
15 Millstone Station Unit Three facilities.

16 New England Power Company seeks the Commission's
17 approval of a transaction under which the New England
18 Electric System, of which New England Power Company is a
19 wholly-owned subsidiary, would itself become a wholly-owned
20 subsidiary of the National Red Group PLC, a company
21 incorporated under the laws of England and Wales.

22 The petitioners are challenging New England Power
23 Company's financial qualifications and indirect foreign
24 ownership.

25 The Commission has voted to approve a memorandum

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1 and order which grants standing to the petitioners, admits
2 their issues regarding financial qualifications and foreign
3 ownership, establishes a procedural schedule, and declines
4 at this time to appoint a presiding officer.

5 Would you please affirm your votes?
6 [Chorus of ayes.]

7 MS. VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Diaz, can you hear
8 me?

9 CHAIRMAN DICUS: We can't confirm his vote at this
10 time.

11 Is there anything else to come before us today?
12 MS. VIETTI-COOK: No.
13 CHAIRMAN DICUS: Okay. If not, then we stand
14 adjourned from this affirmation session, and we will
15 immediately go into Commission briefing on the draft of the
16 rule, 10 CFR Part 35.
17 [Whereupon, at 9:35 a.m., the affirmation session
18 was concluded.]
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