

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
1555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland

Friday, September 7, 2001

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 11:00 a.m., Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RICHARD A. MESERVE, Chairman
GRETA J. DICUS, Member of the Commission (VIA TELECON)
EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission
JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK, Secretary
KAREN D. CYR, General Counsel

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[11:00 a.m.]

P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Good morning. This is an affirmation session and I understand that we have one item to come before us this morning. Madam Secretary, you may proceed.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule that would establish licensing criteria for a proposed repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The criteria have been established consistent with the final environmental standards for Yucca Mountain as published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule subject to the comments and changes provided in the attachment. Would the Commissioners in the room please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Dicus, would you please affirm your vote?

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN MESERVE: Very good. Thank you very much. I know this has been long saga to get us to this point and on

behalf of the Commission I'd like to express our appreciation to the staff, many of whom I see are here, for their extensive efforts in bringing us the juncture we could move forward on this rulemaking. With that, we're adjourned.

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