

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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AFFIRMATION SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Commission Hearing Room  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland  
November 18, 2013

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 11:25 a.m.,  
Allison M. Macfarlane, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

ALLISON M. MACFARLANE, Chairman of the Commission

KRISTINE L. SVINICKI, Member of the Commission

WILLIAM D. MAGWOOD, IV, Member of the Commission

WILLIAM C. OSTENDORFF, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

TRIP ROTHSCHILD, Associate General Counsel

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission

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[11:25 a.m.]

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

CHAIRMAN MACFARLANE: Okay Annette.

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: We have a Memorandum and Order concerning Resumption of Yucca Mountain Licensing Process. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order providing recommendations for the resumption of the Yucca Mountain licensing process in accordance with the recent decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *In re Aiken County*.

The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order, which sets a course of action for the licensing process, consistent with the court's decision and the resources available. The Order directs the NRC staff to complete and issue the Safety Evaluation Report associated with the construction authorization application and requests that the Department of Energy prepare the supplemental environmental impact statement that the Staff has determined is needed for purposes of the review of this application under the National Environmental Policy Act. The Order continues to hold this adjudication in abeyance. The Order declines to direct the NRC staff to reconstitute the Licensing Support Network, but does direct that all documents be loaded into the non-public Agencywide Documents Access and Management System promptly and acknowledges that the documents used as references in the Safety Evaluation Report and the Environmental Impact Statement will be made publicly available. Finally, the Order grants in part and denies in part requests for relief filed by the Nye County and the State of Nevada, and declines to decide at this time the Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Council's renewed motion for recognition. Commissioner Apostolakis did not participate in this matter. Would you please affirm your votes.

CHAIRMAN MACFARLANE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SVINICKI: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MAGWOOD: Aye.

COMMISSIONER OSTENDORFF: Aye.

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

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