UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commission Hearing Room 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland Wednesday, October 23, 2003

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 9:55 a.m.,

Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

NILS J. DIAZ, Chairman

EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

ANDREW L. BATES, Acting Secretary of the Commission

JOSEPH R. GRAY, Office of the General Counsel

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[9:55 a.m.]

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Good morning. I believe we have some other business before we start with our briefing by ACNW? Mr. Secretary?

MR. BATES: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, we have two affirmation items this morning to go through. The first one is SECY-03-0173 Fansteel, Inc. and it deals with a state of Oklahoma request for hearing and terminating the adjudicatory proceeding. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to a Request for a Hearing from the State of Oklahoma related to the Fansteel, Inc. license transfer application.

The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which denies Oklahoma's request for the Hearing and terminates the adjudicatory proceeding. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

MR. BATES: The second item is SECY-03-0177 Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. in the matter of Millstone Nuclear Power Station. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to the appeal from Connecticut Coalition Against Millstone (CCAM) of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board decision in LBP-03-12 which denied CCAM's petition for leave to intervene and request for hearing. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which affirms the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's decision in LBP-03-12. Will you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

MR. BATES: That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Thank you so very much.

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