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 Tuesday, March 2, 2004

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 9:25 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:

ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission

KAREN D. CYR, General Counsel

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[9:25 a.m.]

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Before we meet for the business of the day, I think, Madame Secretary, we have an affirmation to conduct?

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Yes. This is on Private Fuels Storage. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to an appeal by Mr. William D. Peterson of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's January 30, 2004 decision to deny Mr. Peterson's petition to license Pigeon Spur Storage Facility. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which affirms the Licensing Board's decision. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to motions by the applicants for early site permits in North Anna, Clinton, and Grand Gulf to apply the new Part 2 rules to hearings in these proceedings. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which directs that the new Part 2 rules apply to all three early site permit applications. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

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

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Thank you.

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