UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commission Hearing Room 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland Thursday, July 29, 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: Good morning Madam Secretary. Would you please lead us through the affirmation.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to the NRC staff's petition for interlocutory review of a Licensing Board ruling accepting Dr. Edwin Lyman as an expert witness. The Commission voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which accepts review of the staff's petition, affirms the Board's evidentiary ruling, and directs the staff to complete the outstanding need-to-know determinations in this case. The Memorandum and Order also terminates the housekeeping stay entered in this case on July 1, 2004. 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 so very much. We're adjourned.

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