UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commission Hearing Room 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland June 29, 2012

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 a.m., Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

GREGORY B. JACZKO, Chairman of the Commission

KRISTINE L. SVINICKI, Member of the Commission

GEORGE APOSTOLAKIS, Member of the Commission

WILLIAM D. MAGWOOD, IV, Member of the Commission (VIA TELECON)

WILLIAM C. OSTENDORFF, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

MARIAN ZOBLER, Acting General Counsel

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission

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PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN JACZKO: We have one item for affirmation.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: This is the final rule, 10 CFR Parts 2, 12, 51, 54, and 61,

"Amendments to Adjudicatory Process Rules and Related Requirements." The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending 10 CFR Part 2 to improve the NRC's hearing process and make minor corrections and clarifications. The most significant changes include amending the § 2.309 standards for hearing requests, intervention petitions, and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions filed after the § 2.309(b) filing deadline; amending the mandatory disclosure and discovery provisions in subparts C, G, and L; and clarifying the Secretary's authority under § 2.346(j). The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule subject to the changes noted in the attachment. Would the Commissioners in the room please affirm your vote.

CHAIRMAN JACZKO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SVINICKI: Aye.

COMMISSIONER APOSTOLAKIS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER OSTENDORFF: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Magwood would you please affirm your vote.

COMMISSIONER MAGWOOD: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JACZKO: Thank you.

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