

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland
Thursday, August 28, 2003

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 9:00 a.m.,
Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

NILS J. DIAZ, Chairman of the

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, Office of the General Counsel

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[9:00 a.m.]

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Good morning. Madame Secretary, I believe we have some affirmations this morning? Please proceed.

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: This is a final rule, 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70 financial assurance for materials licensees. The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70 to bring financial assurance requirements more in line with actual decommissioning costs for these materials licensees. The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule subject to the comments provided in the attachment. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The second item is a final rule risk-informed 10 CFR 50.44 combustible gas control in containment. The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending 10 CFR 50.44 to eliminate the requirements for hydrogen recombiners and hydrogen purge systems to currently licensed light water reactors and relax the requirements for hydrogen and oxygen monitoring equipment commensurate with the equipment's risk significance. The rule also specifies requirements for combustible gas control in future water-cooled reactors and non-water-cooled reactors. The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule subject to the changes to the Federal Register notice provided in the attachment. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Third, the final rule on electronic maintenance and submission of information. The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule which implements the Government Paperwork Elimination Act. The rule clarifies how licensees and other members of the public may use electronic means such as CD-ROM and e-mail to communicate with the agency. The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule subject to the attached changes. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Lastly, the Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to Tennessee Valley Authority's petition for review of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Final Initial Decision (LBP-03-10) that found the licensee in violation of 10 CFR § 50.7 (regarding whistleblower protection) but reduced the amount of the civil penalty from \$110,000 to \$44,000. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order (as circulated by OCAA on 8/22/03) which grants TVA's petition for review of LBP-03-10. 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: Alright, Madame Secretary, is that it?

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Yes.

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Any comments? No? We're adjourned.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Thank you.

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