

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland
March 3, 2006

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 6:10 pm,
Jeffrey S. Merrifield, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Acting Chairman (VIA TELECON)

EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

GREGORY B. JACZKO, Member of the Commission

PETER B. LYONS, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

JOSEPH R. GRAY, Acting General Counsel

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission

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[6:10 pm]

P R O C E E D I N G S

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to a request by the New England Coalition for an Order directing the NRC Staff to refrain from issuing an operating license amendment to Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee and Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc., together Entergy, which would allow an increase in the maximum power at Entergy's Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station until after completion of a pending adjudication before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which denies the New England Coalition request for a stay of the power uprate license amendment. Would you please affirm your votes?

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER JACZKO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER LYONS: Aye.

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Merrifield, would you please affirm your vote?

ACTING CHAIRMAN MERRIFIELD: Aye.

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: Chairman Diaz had previously indicated that he would approve this paper and had he been present he would have affirmed his prior vote. That's all I have. Thank you for calling in.

ACTING CHAIRMAN MERRIFIELD: All right, we're adjourned.

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