

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland
August 22, 2008

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 9:35 a.m.,

Dale E. Klein, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

DALE E. KLEIN, Chairman of the Commission (Via Telecon)

GREGORY B. JACZKO, Member of the Commission

PETER B. LYONS, Member of the Commission (Via Telecon)

KRISTINE L. SVINICKI, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

KAREN CYR, General Counsel

KENNETH HART, for the Secretary of the Commission

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[9:35 a.m.]

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN KLEIN: We are ready to start with the affirmation.

MR. HART: The first item for affirmation Entergy Nuclear Operations, Indirect Transfer of Control of Licenses. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to two petitions to intervene in the Entergy Nuclear Operation's application for approval of the indirect transfer of control of licenses for the Pilgrim, Palisades, FitzPatrick, Vermont Yankee, Indian Point and Big Rock Point facilities. Petitions were submitted by the Union Locals 369 and 590 of the Utility Workers of America (AFL-CIO) representing the workers at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station and by West Chester Citizens Awareness Network, Rockland County Conservation Association, Promoting Health and Sustainable Energy, Sierra Club, North East Chapter and State Representative Richard Brodsky representing the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units. Subsequently, Union Local 369 withdrew from the proceeding. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which denies the petitions to intervene and their associated requests and terminates this adjudication. Commissioner Jaczko disapproved the order in part. Would the Commissioners in the room please affirm your votes?

COMMISSIONER JACZKO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SVINICKI: Aye.

Chairman Klein would you please affirm your vote?

CHAIRMAN KLEIN: Aye.

Commissioner Lyons would you please affirm your vote?

COMMISSIONER LYONS: Aye.

MR. HART: The second item for affirmation Petitions of the State of Nevada and Dr. Jacob Paz to Reject the Department of Energy's Application to Construct a Geologic Repository

at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to Petitions by the State of Nevada and Dr. Jacob Paz requesting that the Commission reject the Department of Energy's license application seeking authorization to construct a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which rejects the Petitions without prejudice to the Petitioners right to pursue identical claims as proposed contentions if and when the application is docketed and a notice of hearing issues. Commissioner Jaczko voted to approve the Memorandum and Order but would have provided the staff with guidance not to docket the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Application until the Environmental Protection Agency issues its final rule regarding radiation protection standards at the proposed facility. Would the Commissioners in the room please affirm your votes?

COMMISSIONER JACZKO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SVINICKI: Aye.

Chairman Klein would you please affirm your vote?

CHAIRMAN KLEIN: Aye.

Commissioner Lyons would you please affirm your vote?

COMMISSIONER LYONS: Aye.

MR HART: That's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KLEIN: Thank you. Meeting's adjourned.

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