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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Title:**           **AFFIRMATION**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Location:**       **Rockville, Maryland**

**Date:**           **Wednesday, January 20, 1999**

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14 The Commission met in open session, pursuant to  
15 notice, at 9:30 a.m., Shirley A. Jackson, Chairman,  
16 presiding.  
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18 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

19 SHIRLEY A. JACKSON, Chairman of the Commission  
20 GRETA J. DICUS, Commissioner  
21 EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR., Commissioner  
22 JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Commissioner

23 STAFF PRESENT:

24 ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission  
25 KAREN D. CYR, General Counsel

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

[9:30 a.m.]

CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen and welcome to our affirmation session this morning.

We have one item to come before the Commission this morning. Before I ask the Secretary to lead us through the item for affirmation, do any of my colleagues have any comments they wish to make?

[No response.]

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, Madam Secretary, please lead us through.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a direct final rule amending 10 CFR 50.54(a) to permit power reactor licensees to make quality assurance program changes without obtaining NRC approval of these changes in advance. The rule allows licensees to make routine or administrative changes that should not have an adverse impact on the effectiveness of their QA programs.

This action is intended to reduce the financial and administrative burden on power reactor licensees without adversely impacting public health and safety.

The Commission has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule.

Would you please affirm your votes?

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1 [Chorus of ayes.]

2 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: Is there anything else to  
3 come before us in this affirmation session this morning?

4 MS. VIETTI-COOK: No.

5 CHAIRPERSON JACKSON: If not, we are adjourning  
6 the affirmation session and now we will begin the Commission  
7 meeting.

8 [Whereupon, at 9:30 a.m., the affirmation session  
9 was concluded.]

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