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11 11555 Rockville Pike

12 Rockville, Maryland

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14 The Commission met in affirmation session,
15 pursuant to notice, at 12:16 a.m., the Shirley A. Jackson,
16 Chairman, presiding.

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18 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

19 SHIRLEY A. JACKSON, Chairman of the Commission

20 NILS J. DIAZ, Member of the Commission

21 EDWARD McGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

22 GRETA J. DICUS, Member of the Commission

23 JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Member of the Commission

24 STAFF PRESENT:

25 ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Assistant Secretary

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P R O C E E D I N G S

[12:16 p.m.]

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: This is an affirmation session. We have one item to come before us this afternoon. 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: No. If not, Madame Secretary, please proceed.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending 10 CFR Part 55 to allow power reactor facility licensees to prepare the initial operator licensing examinations. The Commission, with Commissioners Dicus, McGaffigan and Merrifield agreeing, has voted to approve the publication and implementation of this final rule, subject to removing the restriction which precludes instructors from preparing questions related to those topics on which they provided instruction. The restrictions should be revised to be consistent with the restrictions on regualification examinations which allow any instructor to prepare the initial operating examination as long as they refrain from teaching the applicants after starting work to prepare the examination.

Chairman Jackson and Commissioner Diaz disapprove

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1 the final rule.

2 Would you please affirm your votes?

3 CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER McGAFFIGAN: Aye.

5 COMMISSIONER DIAZ: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: Aye.

8 [Vote affirmed on SECY-98-266,
9 Final Rule Requirements for Initial
10 Operator Licensing Examinations.]

11 CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Is there anything else to come
12 before us this afternoon?

13 MS. VIETTI-COOK: Not right now.

14 CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, then we are adjourned.

15 [Whereupon, at 12:17 p.m., the affirmation session
16 was concluded.]

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