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13 The Commission met in open session, pursuant to
14 notice, at 1:58 p.m., Greta J. Dicus, Chairman, presiding.
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16 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

17 GRETA J. DICUS, Chairman of the Commission
18 NILS J. DIAZ, Commissioner
19 EDWARD McGAFFIGAN, JR., Commissioner
20 JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, Commissioner
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1 STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

2 ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission

3 STEPHEN G. BURNS, Deputy General Counsel

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P R O C E E D I N G S

[1:58 p.m.]

CHAIRMAN DICUS: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. This is an affirmation session. We have one item to come before us this afternoon. Before I ask the Secretary to lead us through this item for affirmation, do any of my colleagues have any opening comments that they would like to make.

Madam Secretary, please proceed.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: The Commission is being asked to act on a final rule amending 10 CFR 76 to make the certification renewal and amendment processes more effective and efficient.

This final rule modifies the process for certificate renewals, establishes a process for a certificate amendment comparable to the process currently used to amend a fuel cycle license, revises the appeal process for amendments, eliminates the distinction between a significant and non-significant designation for amendments, simplifies the criteria for persons who are eligible to file petitions for review of amendment actions, removes references to the initial applications because the initial certificates have been issued, and lengthens the time periods associated with filing petitions for review and Commission review of directors' decisions.

1 The Commission has voted to approve the
2 publication and implementation of this final rule subject to
3 the comments and changes attached:

4 Commissioner Diaz voted to approve the publication
5 and implementation of the final rule but would have
6 preferred to modify 10 CFR 76.37 to require publication of
7 the Federal Register notices to announce all filings of
8 applications for certification renewal or amendment.

9 Would you please affirm your votes.

10 [All say aye.]

11 CHAIRMAN DICUS: Is there anything else to come
12 before us today?

13 MS. VIETTI-COOK: No.

14 CHAIRMAN DICUS: The affirmation session stands
15 adjourned.

16 COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD: I had suggested to the
17 Chairman and she kindly agreed that we begin having our
18 affirmations to the extent that we can prior to regularly
19 scheduled meetings. I think the important reason for this
20 from my standpoint is that frequently we would have meetings
21 adjourn, have an affirmation, and the audience would have
22 left. I think it's important for our public, the
23 stakeholders, to see that we do vote on these issues and
24 that they are important. So I thank you for graciously
25 agreeing to change our way of doing business.

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1 CHAIRMAN DICUS: You are welcome. It was a good
2 suggestion.

3 [Whereupon at 2:00 p.m., the affirmation session
4 was concluded.]
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