

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Commission Hearing Room
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland

Thursday, December 18, 1997

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 3:30 p.m.,
Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

SHIRLEY ANN JACKSON, Chairman of the Commission

GRETA J. DICUS, Member of the Commission

NILS J. DIAZ, Member of the Commission

EDWARD McGAFFIGAN, JR., Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

JOHN C. HOYLE, Secretary

KAREN D. CYR, General Counsel

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PROCEEDINGS

[3:30 p.m.]

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: 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 the item for affirmation, do any of my colleagues have any comments? If not, Mr. Secretary, please proceed.

MR. HOYLE: Thank you, Chairman. The item is SECY-97-257. The Commission is being asked in this paper to act on an order addressing a finding of the Licensing Board in LBP-96-25 that Louisiana Energy Services lacks the necessary financial qualifications to construct the proposed Claiborne Enrichment Center. That finding was appealed to the Commission by both Louisiana Energy Services (LES) and the NRC staff. All of you have voted to approve a proposed order reversing the Board decision on financial qualifications and finding LES financially qualified. The order also imposes certain license conditions that require LES to fulfill financial commitments it has made in this proceeding. I ask you to affirm your votes which would approve the order with the changes that you have all agreed to.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

MR. HOYLE: Thank you.

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

MR. HOYLE: No there isn't.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, we're adjourned.

MR. HOYLE: Thank you very much.

[Whereupon, at 3:32 p.m., the affirmation session was adjourned.]

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