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8 Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
9 Commissioners Conference Room  
10 One White Flint North  
11 11555 Rockville Pike  
12 Rockville, Maryland

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14 Tuesday, June 18, 1996  
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16 The Commission met in open session, pursuant to  
17 notice, at 11:18 a.m., Shirley A. Jackson, Chairman,  
18 presiding.  
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20 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

21 SHIRLEY A. JACKSON, Chairman of the Commission  
22 KENNETH C. ROGERS, Commissioner  
23 GRETA J. DICUS, Commissioner  
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1 STAFF SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

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3 John C. Hoyle, Secretary

4 Karen D. Cyr, General Counsel

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

[11:18 a.m.]

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Good morning. Those remaining, ladies and gentlemen, this is an affirmation session. We have two items to come before us this morning.

Before I ask the Secretary to lead us through the items for affirmation, do my fellow Commissioners have any opening comments they would like to make?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: No.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: No.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, Mr. Secretary, you may proceed.

SECRETARY HOYLE: Thank you, Chairman Jackson. The first is a final rule-making regarding 10 CFR Parts 250 and 51 related to decommissioning of nuclear power reactors. In this paper, the Commission is being asked to approve a final rule amending its regulations on the decommissioning procedures that lead to the termination of an operating license for nuclear power reactors.

The final amendments clarify ambiguities in the current rule and codify practices that have been approved on a case-by-case basis.

The Commission has approved these amendments and I ask you now to affirm your votes.

[Chorus of ayes.]

1 SECRETARY HOYLE: Thank you. The second is a  
2 paper regarding the Yankee Atomic Electric Company. The  
3 Commission is being asked in this paper to act on an order  
4 responding to petitions by the Citizens Awareness Network  
5 and the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution, who  
6 requested review of the Licensing Board's decision, LBP 96-  
7 02.

8 In that decision, the Licensing Board had granted  
9 standing to the Petitioners, but had declined to admit any  
10 of their contentions, denied their request for an  
11 administrative hearing, and terminated the proceeding.

12 All of you have approved an order granting, in  
13 part, and denying, in part, the Petitioners' appeal. The  
14 order also rejects Yankee Atomic Electric's arguments  
15 regarding Petitioners' standing and remands the case to the  
16 Licensing Board for further proceedings.

17 I ask you to affirm your votes.

18 [Chorus of ayes.]

19 SECRETARY HOYLE: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN JACKSON: Is there anything else to come  
21 before us today?

22 SECRETARY HOYLE: No, there isn't.

23 CHAIRMAN JACKSON: If not, we stand adjourned.

24 [Whereupon, at 11:20 a.m., the affirmation session  
25 was concluded.]

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