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BEFORE THE FACT FINDING TASK FORCE
OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Re:

Davis-Besse event :
of June 9, 1985 :

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INTERVIEW OF REBECCA OSBORNE

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Interview of Rebecca Osborne by the
Nuclear Regulatory Commission Fact Finding Task
Force, taken before me, Celeste C. Dawley, a
Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public
in and for the State of Ohio, at the Site Emergency
Operations Center, Davis-Besse Nuclear Plant, Oak
Harbor, Ohio, on Thursday, June 21, 1985, commencing
at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS OF THE TEAM:

Wayne Lanning
Larry Bell

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1 MR. LANING: We are here this afternoon to
2 interview Rebecca Osborne, who I understand was in
3 the control room at the time of the incident on June
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5 A. Yes.

6 MR. LANING: Would you start by telling us
7 your position?

8 A. I am the administrative assistant to the
9 shift supervisor, one of the administrative
10 assistants.

11 BY MR. LANING:

12 Q. Does that mean there is a second
13 administrative assistant?

14 A. Four of us.

15 MR. BELL: You work four shift rotation?

16 A. We do.

17 MR. BELL: And operators work six shift
18 rotation?

19 A. Right.

20 MR. LANING: What are your
21 responsibilities for the shift supervisor?

22 A. Well, your responsibilities consist of
23 taking care of the tagging logs, making out tags,
24 updating the procedures, ordering procedures that

1 are needed every day, and we have to know the
2 emergency plan, part of which pertains to us, if
3 there is an emergency, until the emergency duty
4 officer arrives. Just assist in general, assist the
5 shift super.

6 MR. BELL: Would it be fair to classify
7 your position as secretarial versus operations type
8 position?

9 A. Yes.

10 MR. LANING: How did you know or what was
11 the first indication that you knew that there was an
12 event?

13 A. I heard it.

14 BY MR. LANING:

15 Q. What did you hear?

16 A. Well, in my office you can hear if
17 anything goes, is going, any different sounds,
18 you know, to just to go to the control room
19 automatically.

20 Q. Is your office in the control room?

21 A. No. It is outside the control room,
22 adjacent to the shift supervisor's office.

23 Q. That is where you were when the event
24 initiated?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What did you do when you heard machinery,
3 I assume?

4 A. It was, yes, machinery. I went to the
5 control room, along with the shift supervisor. He
6 heard it at the same time.

7 Q. The shift supervisor was in your office at
8 the time?

9 A. No, he was in his office.

10 Q. Is his office outside the control room?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. When you got inside the control room, who
13 was there?

14 A. There was the two reactor operators, the
15 shift supervisor, myself, and I am not certain if
16 another person was in there at that time.

17 Yes, the assistant shift supervisor was in
18 there. I think possibly there was some equipment
19 operators, not in the control room, but they were in
20 the kitchen or on their way to the kitchen. But I
21 couldn't say that for certain, but the assistant
22 shift supervisor and the two operators, myself, and
23 the shift supervisor.

24 Q. Would you describe to us what you observed

1 when you walked into the control room, where the
2 people were?

3 A. Well, they were at the controls.

4 Q. Were you instructed to provide any
5 assistance once you entered the control room?

6 A. Once I went into the control room, I just
7 automatically called the STA, which was here at the
8 administration building, and then my only
9 instructions from there are to take notes until I am
10 instructed to call other people.

11 Q. Okay. Now, what notes would you take?

12 A. Well, I took anything they said, I tried
13 to get on paper.

14 Q. Are they saying this to you or just out
15 loud?

16 A. Just saying it outloud. I believe that is
17 the way that they are supposed to do it. Then the
18 administrative assistant is to get everything they
19 can on paper.

20 MR. BELL: Did the operators get the
21 emergency procedure out and start following that
22 procedure?

23 A. Yes, they did.

24 MR. BELL: Were they into the procedure

1 when you arrived in the control room?

2 A. Now, I was so busy, I really can't answer
3 that. I mean, I was trying to get all these notes,
4 but the procedures are always there on their desk.

5 MR. BELL: Did they get this emergency
6 procedure out for the reactor trip, though?

7 A. Yes, they did.

8 MR. BELL: All right, ma'am.

9 MR. LANING: I have what I think are the
10 notes that you took during the event, and these
11 notes were part of a, the interview that we had
12 conducted with Mr. O'Connor, I think it is, so they
13 already have been attached to the interview, but I
14 want to make sure that these are your notes?

15 A. Yes, they are.

16 Q. Okay. And as I understand what you have
17 told me now is that when anyone speaks in the
18 control room, you would just jot down what they said
19 or key words that they said or try to capture the
20 conversation that is going on in the control room?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What is the purpose of you maintaining
23 these notes?

24 A. Well, basically just so they can look at

1 them and tell what was going on at the time.

2 Q. Now, they start out by saying the second
3 makeup pump was started. Now, I assume that these
4 are things that took place after you entered the
5 control room?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay.

8 MR. BELL: Now, I noticed on here you made
9 some phone calls, and it is noted here on page two
10 of your notes that you called Quennoz, Mr. Quennoz?

11 A. Yes.

12 MR. BELL: Did you also call Mr. O'Connor?

13 A. I didn't actually call Bill O'Connor. The
14 shift supervisor called him.

15 MR. BELL: Mr. Lehman called him?

16 A. Yes.

17 MR. BELL: You called Mr. Quennoz? ?

18 A. Yes. I believe, off the record, I really
19 can't say if I called Steve or not. I really can't
20 remember who actually called him.

21 MR. LANING: Have you been in the control
22 room after a reactor trip before?

23 A. You mean during --

24 MR. LANING: During a reactor trip or

1 after a reactor trip.

2 MR. BELL: Not necessarily during this
3 event, but a reactor trip that occurred perhaps
4 earlier in the year?

5 A. No, this is the first time I was ever in
6 the control room.

7 MR. LANING: How would you describe the
8 mood or atmosphere in the control room, first, when
9 you went into the control room and then during the
10 event?

11 A. Well, naturally we were all, well, wanting
12 to do the right thing, and I think everybody was --
13 I think everybody did just what they were supposed
14 to do. The guys were yelling at each other, telling
15 each other what to do, but there was no -- oh,
16 everybody was all keyed up, but nobody was just
17 going crazy or anything. I thought it was well
18 controlled.

19 Now, I have worked here on site off and on
20 for quite a few years and I just thought they did a
21 real good job.

22 MR. BELL: I see some discussion in your
23 notes about emergency plan actions, and on one page
24 of your notes you have written "site emergency" and

1 you have a little star by it. Do you remember why
2 you wrote that down?

3 A. Well, they were discussing what they
4 should do, whether it should be an unusual event, a
5 site emergency, or just what they were going to do,
6 and no, I don't remember why the star is there, I
7 really don't. This is the first I have seen my
8 notes since 6:00 that morning.

9 MR. BELL: A couple of quick questions:
10 You made a recording that was played on your phone
11 system to notify other people to get some assistance
12 into the plant?

13 A. Yes.

14 MR. BELL: Do you consider that action
15 that the assistance arrived here promptly?

16 A. Yes, as promptly as they could. Some live
17 a great distance away.

18 MR. BELL: Rather than us asking you
19 questions, do you have anything that you would like
20 to tell us?

21 A. Not really. I think, I was thinking about
22 our emergency call system when they had their drill
23 yesterday, and actually we do this once a month, you
24 know, for the administrative assistants' part. I

1 felt that everything just went real well in an
2 actual emergency. There were a few phone numbers
3 that were wrong of people I was calling in for the
4 dayshift. I think we need to keep a better eye on
5 the correct phone numbers for people. This was not
6 the key people, it was the dayshift. We had to call
7 in the entire dayshift, and I ran into a little
8 trouble with a couple of the phone numbers, but
9 other than that, I thought things just went real
10 well.

11 MR. BELL: I want to make sure that you
12 understood that before you came into the room, you
13 could have had the company lawyer or your supervisor,
14 and you chose to come by yourself?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes.

16 MR. BELL: All right. I just wanted to
17 make sure that you understood that that was our
18 policy.

19 MR. LANING: Thank you very much for
20 talking with us. We will conclude this interview.

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CERTIFICATE

I, Celeste C. Dawley, a Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that I took the proceedings and that the foregoing transcript of such proceedings is a full, true and correct transcript of my stenotypy notes as so taken.

I do further certify that I was called there in the capacity of a Court Reporter, and am not otherwise interested in this proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, on this 24th day of June, 1985.

Celeste C. Dawley
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Notary Public in and for the
State of Ohio.

My Commission expires August 25, 1987.

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