UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commission Hearing Room 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland July 28, 2005

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 1:25 p.m.,

Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

NILS J. DIAZ, Chairman of the Commission

GREGORY B. JACZKO, Member of the Commission

PETER B. LYONS, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

KAREN CYR, General Counsel

ANNETTE L. VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission

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[1:25 pm]

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Madam Secretary?

MS. VIETTI-COOK: This is in the matter of Exelon Generation Company, Dominion Nuclear North Anna, System Energy Resources, Louisiana Energy Services, USEC (American Centrifuge Plant). The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to certified questions from the Chief Administrative Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board related to the mandatory hearing requirements in section 189a of the Atomic Energy Act. The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order which answers the certified questions and provides guidance to the Licensing Board. While in large part Commissioner Jaczko concurs with his fellow Commissioners in this Order, he dissents as to the Commission's decision to determine, at this stage of the proceedings, the extent of an intervenor's ability to participate in the uncontested portions of a mandatory hearing. Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Aye.

COMMISSIONER JACZKO: Aye.

COMMISSIONER LYONS: Aye.

MS. VIETTI-COOK: Commissioner Merrifield had previously voted to approve this item and had he been present he would have affirmed his prior vote. That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN DIAZ: Thank you. Do my fellow Commissioners have any comments? If not, we're adjourned.

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