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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

AFFIRMATION SESSION

PUBLIC MEETING

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Commission Hearing

Room

11555 Rockville

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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

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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

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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.

 $$\operatorname{MR}.$$ 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 MCGAFFIGAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DICUS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DIAZ: 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.

 ${\tt MR.\ HOYLE:}$ Thank you very much.

[Whereupon, at ____ p.m., the affirmation session was adjourned.]

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