

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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AFFIRMATION SESSION

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Commission Hearing Room  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland  
February 16, 2017

The Commission met in open session, pursuant to notice, at 8:55 AM.,  
Kristine L. Svinicki, Chairman, presiding.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

KRISTINE L. SVINICKI, Chairman of the Commission

JEFF BARAN, Member of the Commission

STEPHEN G. BURNS, Member of the Commission

STAFF AND PRESENTERS SEATED AT THE COMMISSION TABLE:

MARGARET DOANE, General Counsel

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK, Secretary of the Commission

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[8:25 AM]

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

CHAIRMAN SVINICKI: Good Morning. Madam, Secretary, I believe we have one item for affirmation prior to the meeting. Would you please lead us through that item?

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: Yes. We have SECY-17-0002: Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4).

The Commission is being asked to act on a Memorandum and Order responding to an appeal by the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, with its chapter Concerned Citizens of Shell Bluff, of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's decision in LBP-16-10. The Board's decision denied Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League's request for a hearing on the license amendment request of Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. to modify the design of Vogtle Units 3 and 4 by adding two hydrogen igniters to the hydrogen control system.

The Commission has voted to approve a Memorandum and Order that affirms the Board's decision.

Would you please affirm your votes?

CHAIRMAN SVINICKI: Aye

COMMISSIONER BARAN: Aye

COMMISSIONER BURNS: Aye

ANNETTE VIETTI-COOK: That's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SVINICKI: Do either of my colleagues have any comments on the affirmation item? If not we will close the affirmation session.

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