

2010 Nuclear Waste Resolution

Preparing for a fundamental
strategy review



Objective

- Have the Government fulfill its statutory and contractual obligation to remove nuclear waste from reactor sites
- Shortest path is to proceed with Yucca
- President wants to “terminate” Yucca
- This resolution positions NARUC to represent ratepayers with the Blue Ribbon Commission which is being formed



NARUC Engagement with the Blue-Ribbon Commission

- Initial letter claiming stakeholder status and summarizing our views (resolution)
- Seek meeting with NARUC
- Testimony before public hearing(s)
- Encourage State commission input
- Campaign for interim storage for the nine decommissioned storage sites



The Whereas'

- NWPA set national policy for disposal
- We have agreed with user pays
- Ratepayers have done their part
- Government in partial breach and liable
- Obama wants to terminate Yucca
- Plan for Blue-Ribbon Commission
- Yucca off the table, long term emphasis expected (what about the present?)



Resolved, that...

- Disappointment at abandoning Yucca
- NARUC is a stakeholder and will be active
- Whatever disposal strategy is proposed will need a reliable financing plan
- Indefinite reactor storage is unacceptable
- Was geologic disposal found unsuitable or was it the site?

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Resolved, that...

- If a repository “do over” need better site selection process, maybe a new organization and reformed financing support
- Need near-term action to move spent fuel from 9 decommissioned sites to a central interim storage facility
- Government and spent fuel owners should seek a simplified and equitable settlement process for paying for damages

