

Under FERC's governing statute, no more than three of the five commission seats can be held by the members of one party. FERC currently has two Republican commissioners, one Democratic commissioner, and two open seats—one to be filled by a Republican, one by a Democrat. If Danly is confirmed to the Republican seat, FERC will have three Republicans and one Democrat, ensuring that even if a single commissioner is recused from a proceeding or resigns, the agency will have a quorum and a Republican voting majority.

Before Danly joined FERC in September 2017, he was a member of the energy regulation and litigation group at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, and Flom LLP.

■ FERC and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission held a joint meeting on September 25 at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md., presided over by NRC Chairman Kristine Svinicki and FERC Chairman Neil Chatterjee. The routine public meeting was convened to discuss grid reliability, nuclear power generation, and other topics.

According to an October 7 NRC staff requirements memorandum, a representative of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) presented the state of power grid reliability; FERC provided briefings on a recent cold weather inquiry, removing barriers to electric storage participation, cybersecurity updates,

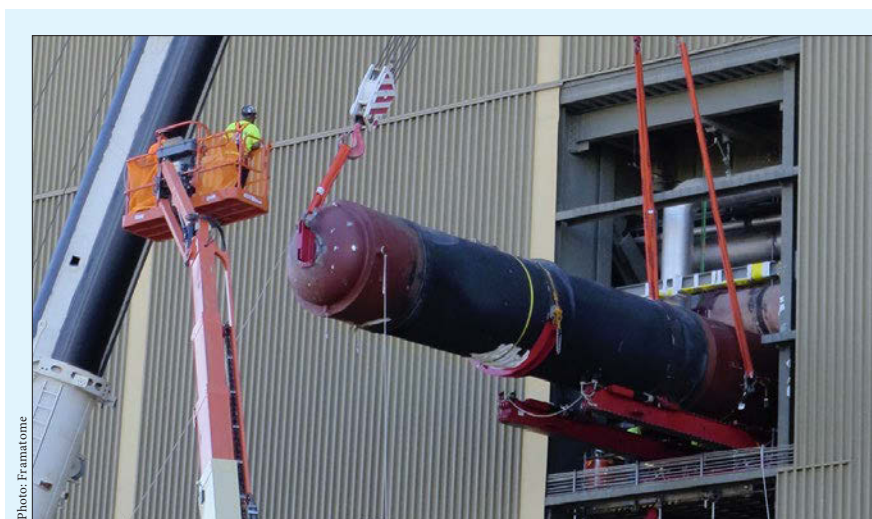


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**A PALO VERDE-I FEEDWATER HEATER WAS REPLACED** during the spring 2019 refueling outage at the 1,333-MWe pressurized water reactor in Wintersburg, Ariz. The successful completion of the first of 12 low-pressure feedwater heater replacements at Arizona Public Service's three-unit plant was announced by Framatome on September 23. Framatome supplied and installed the 50-ton low-pressure feedwater heater—a project that included the removal and reinstallation of 24 sections of pipe and 370 field welds. The remaining feedwater heater replacements are scheduled to take place over seven years, according to Framatome.

and the Critical Infrastructure Protection Audits Lessons Learned Report; and NRC staff made presentations on NRC/FERC/NERC interactions, the current fleet of operating reactors, subsequent license re-

newal, decommissioning, new reactor licensing and construction oversight, small modular reactors, advanced reactors, and cybersecurity inspection updates and program assessment.



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