

Nine, regulatory agencies need more insulation from uncertainty as to tenure, greater pay, longer term, and so forth.

Now, this is a general recommendation. I agree on the pay. I am not sure I agree on the term. I don't know that the agencies with the longest term have the best record. I think perhaps sometimes it is very useful for the President to be able to conduct a house cleaning. I think perhaps the trouble with some agencies is that house cleanings are overdue, and are deferred by terms that are too long.

At any rate, this has never been a matter of difference between Mr. Morgan and me, it is a matter, I am sure, one of the few matters he raised we can discuss without emotion.

"Each commissioner," he says in his 10th suggestion, "needs a larger staff." The commissioners used to rely entirely on a group of opinion writers when we first came. Now each one has a full-time assistant of his own choice. It may be that they need a second. This is a matter which I may say is under consideration.

Mr. Morgan thinks that the Commission's new Office of Economics which was recently established should be strengthened. I have no quarrel with this recommendation.

His final point is that the Commission is relapsing into anonymous orders, that they should all be signed. I don't think that a study of our orders will bear that out. I think that all of the opinions or virtually all of the opinions are signed. There is a commissioner who takes responsibility for each of them and works with our opinion writing staff to be sure that they meet the standards of the Commission and reflect the views of the Commission.

Mr. Chairman, I see that I have been speaking for quite a while, and I will now make myself available for any questions the committee may wish to ask.

The CHAIRMAN. I see the time is now almost 12. I should think that to start with any questions now would run us over the noon hour. I think this would be the best time to recess for the noon hour and come back at 2 o'clock.

(Whereupon, at 11:55 a.m. a recess was taken until 2 p.m. on the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order.

Mr. Swidler, you may resume. I believe you had concluded your statement when we recessed at noon.

TESTIMONY OF HON. JOSEPH C. SWIDLER, CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION—Resumed

Mr. SWIDLER. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Moss, any questions?

Mr. Moss. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Swidler, first I want to apologize for not having been present at the opening of your remarks this morning. I was delayed, because of some problems of constituents. I regret it very much, because I think the matter we have before us is a very important one. You have been in public service a great many years, haven't you?

Mr. SWIDLER. Yes, sir.