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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

In the Matter of)	
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PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE L.L.C.)	Docket No. 72-22
)	
(Private Fuel Storage Facility))	ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI

**APPLICANT'S REQUEST TO EXCEED PAGE LIMITATION
FOR ITS RESPONSE TO STATE OF UTAH'S REQUEST FOR
ADMISSION OF LATE-FILED BASES FOR UTAH CONTENTION E**

Applicant Private Fuel Storage ("PFS") is working towards filing its response to the "State of Utah's Request for Admission of Late-Filed Bases for Utah Contention E," [hereinafter State Request], on Friday, February 4, 2000 in accordance with the schedule set by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") in the Thursday January 27, 2000 telephone prehearing conference. The Applicant requests the Board's approval to exceed the ten page limitation with respect to Applicant's response to the State's Request. In filing its request for admission of late-filed bases of Utah E, the State filed approximately a 10-page motion and amended contention and additionally incorporated by reference the State's Response to the Applicant's motion for summary disposition of Contention Utah E/Confederated Tribes F and the State's Reply to the NRC Staff's response to the Applicant's motion, which are respectively 37-page and 25-page pleadings (excluding affidavits and exhibits). State Request at 6. Although the Applicant does not now know exactly how long its response addressing this matter will be, it believes that it will defi-

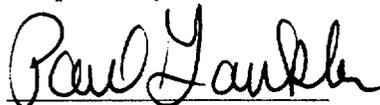
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nately require more than 10 pages and requests that it be allowed to file a response of up to 20 pages, which is far less than the 72 pages, altogether, that the State relies upon in support of its request for admission of late-filed bases for Utah E. Applicant believes that this request is reasonable in that it will be addressing both the late filing of the amended contention and the admissibility of three late filed basis, each of which encompass multiple issues.

Counsel for Applicant has contacted counsel for the NRC Staff, who does not object to this page extension as long as it is allowed the same page limit as the Applicant (although the Staff does not currently anticipate using a full 20 pages for its response). Counsel for Applicant has also contacted counsel for the State, who also does not object provided that is allowed similar additional pages for its reply, to which the Applicant does not object.

Accordingly, the Applicant requests the Board that it be allowed to file a response to the "State of Utah's Request for Admission of Late-Filed Bases for Utah Contention E" of up to 20 pages and that the page limitations for the other parties be adjusted accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that copies of the "Applicant's Request to Exceed Page Limitation For Its Response to State of Utah's request for Admission of Late-Filed Bases for Utah Contention E," dated February 1, 2000 were served on the persons listed below (unless otherwise noted) by e-mail with conforming copies by U.S. Mail, first class, postage pre-paid, this 1st day of February, 1999.

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