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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))

JOINT REPORT ON THE LITIGATION OF UTAH CONTENTION S

Applicant Private Fuel Storage L.L.C. ("Applicant" or "PFS") files this joint report pursuant to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Memorandum and Order (Request for Scheduling Information) dated March 21, 2000, in which the Board directs the State, PFS, and the Staff to file a joint report on or before March 23, 2000 advising the Board on (1) the best estimate of how many hearing days will be required to litigate contention Utah S during the June 2000 hearing time, and (2) whether and to what extent the litigation of this contention will involve proprietary information.

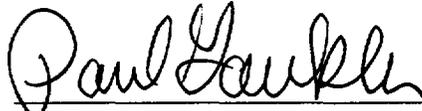
Counsel for the Applicant has conferred with counsel for the State and counsel for the Staff with respect to the above matters. Concerning the length of hearing time necessary to devote to litigating Utah S, Applicant and the State are in the process of finalizing an agreement to focus the litigation of Utah S on specific issues, which agreement the parties expect to file with the Board shortly (within several days). Based

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on this expectation, the parties estimate that approximately 1 to 2 days would be required to litigate Utah Contention S. As to the need to close all or a portion of the Utah S litigation because it will involve proprietary information, the Applicant and the Staff believe that some of the issues may involve proprietary information such that a portion of the hearing would need to be closed (on which the State takes no position). However, some of the issues probably would not involve proprietary information and could be open to the public. The parties will be in a better position to ascertain the precise extent to which proprietary information will likely be involved in the hearing on Utah S after the filing of direct testimony on May 15, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the Joint Report on the Litigation of Utah Contention S were served on the persons listed below (unless otherwise noted) by e-mail with conforming copies by U.S. mail, first class, postage prepaid, this 23rd day of March 2000.

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