

January 20, 1998

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
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(Private Fuel Storage Facility)) ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI

**APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO STATE
OF UTAH'S REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION
OF LATE-FILED CONTENTION GG**

I. INTRODUCTION

On January 8, 1998, the State of Utah ("State") filed a "Request for Consideration of Late-Filed Contention GG" (hereinafter "State's Request"). In its January 12, 1998 Order (Response Schedule for Further Supplemental Petition and Additional Late-Filed Contention), the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Licensing Board" or "Board") directed that responses to the State's late-filed contention pleading be filed on or before January 20, 1998. In accordance with the Board's Order, Applicant Private Fuel Storage L.L.C. ("Applicant" or "PFS") submits this Answer to the State's Request.

The Applicant opposes the State's Request. Although the State claims good cause for the late filing of Contention GG in its entirety because it was unable to obtain and