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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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Before Administrative Judges:

G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman
Dr. Jerry R. Kline
Dr. Peter S. Lam

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In the Matter of
PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, L.L.C.
(Independent Spent Fuel
Storage Installation)

Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI
ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI
October 29, 1998

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ORDER

(Granting Leave to File Surreply
and Establishing Schedule for Next
Informal Discovery Status Report)

Upon consideration of (1) the October 28, 1998 motion of applicant Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C., (PFS) for leave to file a surreply to the October 26, 1998 reply pleading of intervenor State of Utah (State), including the representations therein regarding the other parties' positions concerning the request to file a surreply and the scope and length of PFS's proposed pleading; and (2) the October 23, 1998 joint status report on informal discovery, it is

ORDERED, that the October 28, 1998 motion of PFS for leave to file a surreply is granted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the PFS surreply pleading, which shall be filed on or before Friday, October 30, 1998, shall

be no more than five pages in length and shall be limited to the issue of good cause for late filing of the State's Low Rail contentions; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that on or before Tuesday, November 24, 1998, the parties shall provide an additional joint report outlining the status of informal discovery. The report should detail the parties' further progress in making document disclosures, including identifying asserted privileged or protected documents, and in exchanging witness lists and conducting informal interviews. In addition, for each admitted contention, the "lead" parties supporting and opposing the contention and the NRC staff should provide a good faith estimate, based on the parties' discovery efforts to date, of (1) how many formal discovery interrogatories and deposition notices the party anticipates submitting (other than draft/final environmental impact statement-related discovery against the NRC staff for Group III issues); and (2) how many privileged/protected documents each party anticipates may be the subject of a motion to compel/motion for protective order.

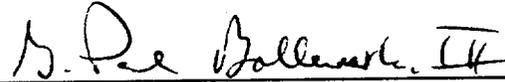
Further, on or before Tuesday, November 24, 1998, counsel for each party should advise the Licensing Board Chairman of any conflicts that would make counsel unavailable for a conference the week of December 14-18, 1998, regarding the status of informal discovery and party

plans for formal discovery. The Board anticipates conducting this conference by telephone, although it would be willing to try to arrange a videoconference if there is substantial support among the parties for using that mode of communication. Counsel may use the joint status report to identify any scheduling conflicts and their preferences regarding the conferencing method.

The filings required or permitted under this order should be served on the Board, the Office of the Secretary, and counsel for the other participants by facsimile transmission, e-mail, or other means that will ensure receipt by midnight ET on the day of filing. See Licensing Board Memorandum and Order (Initial Prehearing Order) (Sept. 23, 1997) at 5-6 (unpublished); Licensing Board Memorandum and Order (Additional Guidance on Service Procedures) (Nov. 19, 1997) (unpublished); Licensing Board Memorandum and Order (Schedule for Telephone Conference and

Directives Regarding Expedited Service) (Sept. 2, 1998)
at 2-3 (unpublished).

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD*



G. Paul Bollwerk, III
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland

October 29, 1998

* Copies of this order were sent this date by Internet e-mail transmission to counsel for (1) the applicant PFS; (2) intervenors Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians, Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia, Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Castle Rock Land and Livestock, L.C./Skull Valley Company, LTD., and the State; and (3) the staff.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB ORDER (GRANTING LEAVE...) have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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