May 28, 1999

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE L.L.C. (Private Fuel Storage Facility)

Docket No. 72-22

INTERVENOR OHNGO GAUDEDAH DEVIA'S MOTION TO EXTEND THE DISCOVERY PERIOD

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.730 Intervenor Ohngo Gaudedah Devia (OGD) requests that the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB or Board) extend the time for completion of discovery for two days¹ to allow OGD to depose the Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Skull Valley Band of Goshutes, Mr. Leon D. Bear. In support of this Motion OGD states as follows:²

 Chairman Bear has assisted the Applicant in the assessment of OGD's environmental justice contention. To that end, Chairman Bear has provided crucial information to the NRC directly relating to the various aspects of the environmental justice issues that are relevant to

¹ The two days will be during the week of June 14, 1999 in order to allow the parties adequate notice and time to complete most of their other discovery obligations, which have been extended with authorization from the Board.

² Although OGD provides several bases for extending the discovery period to allow the deposition of Chairman Bear, it is OGD's intention to depose Mr. Bear on a full range of issues regarding OGD's environmental justice contention.

licensing the Applicant's proposed facility on the Skull Valley Reservation.³

Ms. Margene Bullcreek is the Chairperson of OGD and a member of 2. the Skull Valley Band of Goshutes (Band). In a meeting of the Skull Valley Band of Goshutes Tribal Council, on or about April 24, 1999, the Band reportedly passed resolutions directed, at least in part, to Ms. Bullcreek. Unfortunately, counsel has only vague information about these resolutions and knows little about their content due to Ms. Bullcreek's inability to share information about the meeting or the resolutions with counsel. Ms. Bullcreek is unable to share this information due to the fact that she believes that Chairman Bear and other members of the Tribal Council will sanction her for providing information concerning meetings held by the Band and resolutions passed by the Band. Counsel needs to depose Chairman Bear in order to fully understand such restrictions without endangering Ms. Bullcreek's status in the Band and to obtain actual copies of any resolutions that may impact Ms. Bullcreek's and/or other OGD members' participation in this proceeding. In addition, the Band's restrictions may impact counsel's ability to protect their clients' interests in this proceeding.

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³ For example, see, the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians Responses to Requests for Additional Information (ER-1) Private Fuel Storage Facility Docket NO. 72-22/TAC L22462 dated February 16, 1999. This submission was part of a larger package submitted by PFS as Response to EIS Request for Information Private Fuel Storage Facility Docket NO. 72-22/TAC NO. L22462 dated February 18, 1999.

- 3. Although it has failed to provide such information to date, the Applicant acknowledges that information about the final lease between the Band and the Applicant as well as other information that describes payments and benefits to the Band may be relevant discovery in aid of OGD's contention. <u>See</u>, Applicant's Objections and Responses to OGD's First Requests for Discovery at 8 (Response to Document Request No. 7) dated May 20, 1999. OGD needs to obtain this information and can do so most efficiently by deposing Chairman Bear.
- 4. Finally, the Board has recently granted extensions of the discovery period to other parties adding approximately one to three weeks to the current discovery period. See, Board Order dated May 26, 1999. OGD should receive the same consideration for its modest discovery extension request. Furthermore, because the Board has granted the other parties' requests for extension of the discovery period, granting OGD's similar request will clearly not prejudice the parties.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of Ohngo Gaudedah Devia's Motion to Extend the

Discovery Period were served on the persons listed below (unless otherwise noted) by e-

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