

# **EXHIBIT 6**

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SUBJECT: Discovery on Utah Contention H in PFS Licensing Case

Dear Bill,

As you know, the State of Utah has been trying to determine whether it is necessary to insist that Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. ("PFS") produce in discovery the FLUENT computer code that was used by Holtec International to perform a thermal analysis of the proposed PFS independent spent fuel storage facility. In an effort to avoid a discovery battle over the FLUENT code, the State has endeavored to determine whether the adequacy of the Holtec thermal analysis can be evaluated based on the FLUENT User's Manual, the input data used in the analysis, and the output data yielded by the analysis. In cooperation with this effort, PFS has produced certain portions of the User's Manual, and the input and output files for the thermal analysis. The input and output files are provided in binary form on a "ZIP" disk, and in ASCII text versions. Our agreement regarding this production is set forth in your cover letter of November 30, 1999, under which you provided the requested information.

The State has been concerned about the completeness of the information set forth in the ASCII printouts of the input and output files. There are some discrepancies between the input described in the User's Manual and the input listed in the ASCII files. In addition, some of the numerical results of the analysis do not correspond well with the input that was used. These discrepancies and inconsistencies raised the concern that Holtec may have made some other assumptions or used some other input data, not listed in the ASCII printouts, that affect the outcome of the analysis. The matter is complicated by the fact that we cannot read the ZIP disk without the FLUENT code, and therefore have no way of confirming that the ZIP disk contents are accurately reflected in the ASCII text printouts.

In our correspondence over the last several days, you have assured me that all of the assumptions used by Holtec in its thermal analysis for PFS are accurately and completely represented in the ASCII printouts. You have also stated that the ASCII printouts report the data contained in the

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ZIP files in complete and accurate form. In addition, you have informed me that if one ran the FLUENT code with no input other than what is on the ZIP disk, the program would yield exactly the same result as reported in the data files that are on the ZIP disk.

Based on these assurance, we have decided not to insist on production of the FLUENT code by PFS at this time. We are continuing to review the information provided, and will let you know if our conclusion changes and we find we need to ask for the FLUENT code at some later point. If this happens, we will make a new discovery request for the FLUENT code.

Thank you for providing the information I have requested in order to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

Diane Curran

cc: Denise Chancellor