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Secretary  
 U.S. Regulatory Commission  
 Washington, DC 20555-0001  
 ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

RE: Revision of Fee Schedules: Fee Recovery for FY 2002

To Whom It May Concern,

My company is a small engineering firm in rural New Mexico. We have fourteen employees in two locations. The two employees in our Alamogordo office sometimes perform work at Holloman Air Force Base. That is the whole reason we have an NRC license, as it is required to do work on base. The income we received last year from performing densities on base with our Troxler Nuclear Gauge was less than \$10,000. Last year our company grossed over \$350,000 so with your present licensee classifications, we were assessed the ridiculous fee of \$2300 even though 99% of the revenues had nothing to do with our NRC license.

I ask that you consider situations such as mine, and allow us to show the income from the office that utilizes the NRC license. Most of our income generated is independent of the NRC license, for full time quality control inspection on construction projects. The actual testing with the nuclear gauges is a small part of the total and work performed on an Air Force Base is a fraction of that. It is a real hardship on my small company to pay that fee, but I need to be able to do work at Holloman AFB to stay in business.

I would appreciate a review of my situation in revising your fee schedule. I feel it is unfair to place my company in the same category as large firms that have hundreds of nuclear meters (we have six) and that all of my income qualifies me for the higher rate when almost all of it is earned without the benefit of the NRC license. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katy Byrd-Humphreys, PE  
 President

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