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In the Matter of  
SEQUOYAH FUELS CORPORATION  
(Gore, Oklahoma Site)  
Docket No. 40-8027-MLA-6

Dear Administrative Judges:

On June 11, 2003, the Presiding Officer issued an Order deferring consideration of three hearing requests filed in the above-captioned proceeding pending the ultimate resolution of the section 11e.(2) question in a companion proceeding (Docket No. 40-8027-MLA-5). Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.1205(g), the Staff intended to file its responses to the three hearing requests by June 19, 2002, ten days after the designation of the presiding officer. The Staff also intended to indicate at that time, pursuant to 10 C.F.R § 2.1213, its desire to participate as a party to the adjudication. By this letter, the Staff hereby provides notice of its desire to participate as a party to the adjudication. Copies of notices of appearances for Staff counsel are being provided under separate cover. In light of the Presiding Officer's Order, however, the Staff does not intend to file a response to the pending hearing requests until such time the Presiding Officer determines it is no longer necessary to defer consideration of those requests.

Sincerely,

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