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MEMORANDUM TO:

G. Paul Bollwerk, III

Chief Administrative Judge

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel

FROM:

Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary

SUBJECT:

REQUESTS FOR HEARING WITH RESPECT TO A

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE OF

NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES, INC.

Attached are two requests for hearing. The first request was filed by Kathy Helms-Hughes and is dated February 2, 2004. The second request was filed by Attorney Diane Curran on behalf of the State of Franklin Group of the Sierra Club, Friends of the Nolichucky River Valley, Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance and the Tennessee Environmental Council and is also dated February 2, 2004. The requests were filed in response to a notice of receipt by the NRC staff of a request by Nuclear Fuel Services. Inc.(NFS)(Docket Number 70-143) to amend its license to authorize processing operations in the Oxide Conversion Building and the Effluent Processing Building at the NSF Blended Low-Enriched Uranium Complex in Erwin, Tennessee. The Notice, which also provided an opportunity to request a hearing, was published in the Federal Register at 68 Fed. Reg. 74653 (December 24, 2004). The hearing requests were filed on February 2, 2004, as required by Commission orders dated January 16, 2004 and January 21, 2004.

In addition to the requests for hearing, Nuclear Fuel Services, by counsel, has filed answers to the hearing requests. Copies of those responses are also attached.

The requests for hearing are being referred to you for appropriate action in accordance with 10 CFR §2.1261.

Attachments: As stated

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