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Chairman Nils Diaz U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Office of Public Affairs Washington, D.C. 20555 9/17/04

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing this letter in Support of the proposed National Enrichment Facility in Eunice, New Mexico.

Being a business owner for the past twenty-two years in Hobbs, New Mexico, I understand the need for diversification in our county. Relying on the highs and lows of the oil industry can be very unpredictable for businesses and for our citizens trying to retain their employment.

After visiting the Urenco facility in Almelo, Netherlands and with their local citizens, I came to realize the facility will be both safe and environmentally sound. According to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, there would be no significant impact on our land, water or air. The positive socioeconomic impact, with respect to jobs and revenue will help our economy grow.

I support the Louisiana Energy Services' application to operate the National Enrichment Facility in Eunice, New Mexico. With 102 nuclear power plants open in the United States today the need for a uranium enrichment facility that is more cost effective is in demand today and will increase in the future. The National Enrichment Facility will benefit our cities, county and provide energy independence for America as an additional, reliable, and economical domestic source of enrichment services.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposed facility.

Sincerely,

Randall D. McCormick

Newly elected Lea County Commissioner - District 1

Cc: Governor Bill Richardson Secretary Ron Curry

New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid

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