

April 8, 2005

ATTN: Document Control Desk

Mr. Gary Janosko, Chief Fuel Cycle Licensing Branch, NMSS Mail Stop T-8A33 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: Smith Ranch – Highland Uranium Project

Docket No. 40-8964, License No. SUA-1548

North Butte and Ruth Projects

WDEQ Related Surety Correspondence

Dear Mr. Janosko:

In accordance with License Condition 9.5 of Source Material License SUA-1548, please find the surety related correspondence from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Land Quality Division (LQD) concerning the North Butte and Ruth Projects. As conveyed to NRC by Power Resources Inc. (PRI) in the December 9, 2004 correspondence and confirmed by the NRC in correspondence dated January 6, 2005, due to the non-operational status of these operations, both the NRC and WDEQ agreed that the existing surety estimates for the Ruth and North Butte Projects were sufficient for the upcoming period.

Smith Ranch - Highland Uranium Project P. O. Box 1210

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Accordingly, the attached correspondence from the WDEQ-LQD shows the approval of the bond amounts of \$78,000 for the North Butte Project and \$104,600 for the Ruth Project. The existing Letters of Credit have automatically been extended by the issuing institution.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 307-358-6541 ext 62.

Sincerely,

W.F. Kearnev

Manager-Health, Safety

& Environmental Affairs

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John Corra, Director

March 24, 2004

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED # 7003 2260 0002 0199 6393

Mr. W.F. Kearney Power Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1210 Glenrock, WY 82637

RE: Bond Amount for Permit No. 631, (Ruth ISL Project)

Dear Mr. Kearney:

The information presented in the 2003-2004Annual Report for Permit No. 631 has been reviewed by the Land Quality District 3 staff, and the last site inspection was conducted on July 22, 2004.

In accordance with W.S. §35-11-411(d), the bond amount is set at \$104,600.00. This represents no change to the current amount.

This bond amount is based only on an estimate of the cost of the state performing reclamation in the event of bond forfeiture. If this estimate proves to be less than the amount required, the Department will bring suit to recover the additional cost as allowed under W.S. §35-11-422.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mark Taylor in the Sheridan District Office at (307) 672-6488.

Sincerely,

John V. Corrá

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED #_ 7003 2260 0002 0199 6386

Mr. W.F. Kearney Power Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1210 Glenrock, WY 82637

RE: Bond Amount for Permit No. 632, (North Butte ISL Project)

Dear Mr. Kearney:

The information presented in the 2004-2005Annual Report for Permit No. 632 has been reviewed by the Land Quality District 3 staff, and the last site inspection was conducted on November 17, 2004.

In accordance with W.S. §35-11-411(d), the bond amount is set at \$78,800.00. This represents no change to the current amount.

This bond amount is based only on an estimate of the cost of the state performing reclamation in the event of bond forfeiture. If this estimate proves to be less than the amount required, the Department will bring suit to recover the additional cost as allowed under W.S. §35-11-422.

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