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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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In the Matter of:

Louisiana Energy Services, L.P.

(National Enrichment Facility)

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Docket No. 70-3103-ML

ASLBP No. 04-826-01-ML

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JOINT REPORT IN RESPONSE TO THE LICENSING BOARD'S JUNE 30, 2005 REQUEST

This joint report is in response to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's ("Board") request in its Memorandum and Order¹ of June 30, 2005 that Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. ("LES"), the New Mexico Attorney General ("NMAG"), the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED"), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff ("Staff"), and Nuclear Information and Resource Service and Public Citizen ("NIRS/PC") (collectively, "the Parties"), apprise the Board on any changes the Board's recent Memorandum and Order may have on the projected time frame for the fall 2005 hearings.

The Parties initially provided the Board with an evidentiary hearing schedule in a joint report submitted May 23, 2005.² After discussing the Board's latest Memorandum and Order, the Parties³ still agree that it is difficult to predict with certainty the length of time that will be required to complete the evidentiary hearings this October. With the latest round of late-filed contentions still pending with the Board, a determination on the Settlement Agreement, and the

¹ Memorandum and Order (Ruling on NIRS/PC Late-Filed Contention Amendments) (June 30, 2005) at 14 n. 16 (unpublished).

² Joint Report in Response to the Licensing Board's May 3, 2005 Administrative Directives (May 23, 2005) at 5-6.

³ All parties have authorized counsel for LES to submit this joint report.

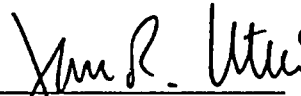
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upcoming deadline for any summary disposition motions, the Parties feel that the Board's rulings on both these matters could significantly impact the duration of the upcoming hearing.

Nonetheless, it remains the Parties present expectation that the fall hearings will not require the full two weeks allotted by the Board in the General Schedule, but rather they can be completed in about 6 days. After the Board has ruled on all late-filed contentions, the Settlement Agreement, and any summary disposition motions, the Parties will update the Board as to their estimated duration of the fall evidentiary hearings.

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I hereby certify that copies of the "JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT" in the captioned proceeding have been served on the following by e-mail service, designated by **, on July 8, 2005 as shown below. Additional service has been made by deposit in the United States mail, first class, this 8th day of July 2005.

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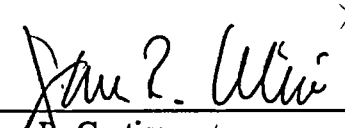
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