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Before Administrative Judges:

G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman
Dr. Paul B. Abramson
Dr. Charles N. Kelber

In the Matter of

LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, L.P.

(National Enrichment Facility)

Docket No. 70-3103-ML

ASLBP No. 04-826-01-ML

October 11, 2005

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

(Denying Motion to Strike Additional Portion of Pre-Filed Direct Testimony)

Upon consideration of the October 7, 2005 motion of applicant Louisiana Energy Services, L.P., (LES) to strike an additional portion of the prefiled direct testimony of Dr. Arjun Makhijani regarding deconversion strategy and the contingency factor, it is

ORDERED, that the LES October 7, 2005 motion to strike is denied, in that the testimony at issue is the factual predicate that supports Dr. Makhijani's position as to why the Cogema option does or does not meet the requirements of a plausible strategy, as he understands them. Additionally, although we previously have indicated that the issue of possible conversion to UO₂ is not a litigable matter in this proceeding, the reference to UO₂ in

this context is permissible as indicating a qualification or premise that clarifies the basis for his answer.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD*

/RA/

G. Paul Bollwerk, III
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland

October 11, 2005

* Copies of this order were sent this date by Internet e-mail transmission to counsel for (1) applicant LES; (2) intervenors Nuclear Information and Resource Service/Public Citizen; and (3) the NRC staff.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB MEMORANDUM AND ORDER (DENYING MOTION TO STRIKE ADDITIONAL PORTION OF PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY) have been served upon the following persons by deposit in the U.S. mail, first class, or through NRC internal distribution.

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