

November 29, 2005

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of	)	
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LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, L.P.	)	Docket No. 70-3103
	)	
(National Enrichment Facility)	)	ASLBP No. 04-826-01-ML
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NRC STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING  
PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

On November 29, 2005, Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. ("LES") offered a new exhibit, identified as LES Exhibit 117, for identification and moved for its admission into the record of the proceeding.<sup>1</sup> The new exhibit is a letter from Rod M. Krich, Vice President of Licensing, Safety and Nuclear Engineering at LES to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission entitled "Clarifying Information Related to Cost Estimate for Deconversion of Depleted UF<sub>6</sub>."

In the letter, LES commits to providing additional decommissioning funding in the amount of \$0.60 per kgU to account for the cost of cylinder washing associated with the deconversion of depleted uranium tails for disposal. In addition, LES explains how it accounts for the cost of capital associated with the construction of a deconversion facility and reports that it is prepared to commit to providing additional funding in the amount of \$0.40 per kgU to account for this cost. This is new information which is directly relevant to the issues in this proceeding and, therefore, the matters to be addressed in the Staff's proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

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<sup>1</sup> Louisiana Energy Services, L.P.'s Motion to Supplement the Record

Given the relevance of this information, the Staff cannot properly finalize its proposed findings until a ruling by the Board on the admissibility of newly submitted exhibit.<sup>2</sup> In particular, the Staff's findings must account for the appropriate funding amount as reflected by the record as well as the manner in which LES has accounted for the cost of capital. Accordingly, the Staff respectfully requests an extension of time in which to file its proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law of three business days following the Board's ruling on admissibility.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa B. Clark  
Counsel for NRC Staff

Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005

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<sup>2</sup> The Staff has no objection to admission of the identified exhibit into the record of this proceeding.

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I hereby certify that copies of "NRC STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW" in the above-captioned proceedings have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail; through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal system as indicated by an asterisk (\*), and by electronic mail as indicated by a double asterisk (\*\*) on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

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