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Before Administrative Judges:

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
Dr. Paul B. Abramson
Dr. Richard E. Wardwell

In the Matter of

USEC, INC.

(American Centrifuge Plant)

Docket No. 70-7004-ML

ASLBP No. 05-838-01-ML

July 18, 2006

ORDER

(Granting NRC Staff Motion for An Extension)

On July 17, 2006, the NRC Staff requested an extension of time for the submission of Preliminary Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. More specifically, the NRC Staff asked that the time for submission of the proposed findings be changed from August 11, 2006, until 10 days following the issuance of the Safety Evaluation Report (SER), which the Staff estimates will not be issued until the end of August. The Staff further represented that counsel for the applicant has no objection to the requested extension.

The Staff's Motion for an extension is GRANTED.

However, while we urge the Staff to submit the proposed findings as soon as practicable, the Board will allow up to 30 days after the issuance of the SER for the Staff to submit the proposed findings without further action by the Board. If the Staff determines that it will need more than 30 days after the issuance of the SER within which to prepare and submit its proposed findings, it should file an additional motion briefly explaining the reasons why additional time will be needed.

Objections to any portion of this Order shall be filed no later than July 21, 2006.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD¹

/RA/

Lawrence G. McDade, Chairman
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland
July 18, 2006

¹ Copies of this Order were sent this date by Internet e-mail transmission to: (1) Counsel for USEC Inc. and (2) Counsel for the NRC Staff.

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB ORDER (GRANTING NRC STAFF MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION) have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, or through NRC internal distribution.

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