May 29, 2009

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In the Matters of
HIMAT SONI
Docket No. IA-08-023, ASLBP No. 09-882-02-EA-BD01
DHIRAJ SONI
Docket No. IA-08-022, ASLBP No. 09-882-01-EA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its May 8, 2009 Order Confirming Matters Addressed at Pre-hearing Conference, the Board instructed the parties in this proceeding to notify it of the status of settlement negotiations and related matters by May 29, 2009. The parties are currently negotiating settlement of the above cases along with Eastern Testing, Inc. (ETI), Docket No. EA-08-174, but have not yet reached settlement. The parties have agreed to continue settlement negotiations and postpone discovery.

Depending on the outcome of negotiations, the parties will file a settlement agreement, status report, or proposed discovery schedule with the Board on or before June 30, 2009.

Robert Andersen, counsel for Himat Soni, Dhiraj Soni, and ETI, has authorized counsel for the Staff to sign and file this status report on his behalf.

Sincerely,

/Signed (electronically) by/

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cc: Office of the Secretary
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