

May 29, 2009

Ann Marshall Young, Chair  
Administrative Judge  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

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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  
Office of Commission Appellate Adjudication  
Robert M. Andersen, Esq.