### August 26, 2010

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In the Matter of
AREVA ENRICHMENT SERVICES, LLC.
(Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility)
Docket No. 70-7015-ML; ASLBP No. 10-899-02-ML-BD01

### Dear Administrative Judges:

In its Initial Scheduling Order dated May 19, 2010, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") directed the NRC staff ("Staff") to submit monthly a "short report specifying its best estimates of the dates when it expects to issue the draft and final version of the EIS, and the dates it expects to issue the SER, including any 'advance' SER, SER with open items, and its final SER."

In its last monthly status report, dated August 5, 2010, the Staff estimated that the final SER would be issued in August 2010. The staff will not complete the final SER by the end of this month, but expects to issue it no later than September 30, 2010. As the Staff has indicated previously, an "advance SER" will not be issued except to the extent necessary to provide AES with an opportunity to conduct a review for sensitive information; such review would occur in mid- to late September 2010. Staff also does not anticipate issuance of an SER with open items.

The Staff will submit the next status report on Thursday, September 2, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

## Executed in Accord with 10 CFR 2.304(d)

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S LETTER TO THE BOARD REGARDING ISSUANCE OF THE SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange ("EIE") this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010:

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