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BEFORE THE PRESIDING OFFICER

OFFICE CETTER AND RULEMATING AND ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

In the Matter of

ATLAS CORPORATION

Moab, Utah

Docket No. 40-3453-MLA-3

ASLBP No. 99-761-04-MLA

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NRC STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The NRC staff requests an extension of time to answer the Presiding Officer's questions in the May 14, 1999, Order until Friday, June 4, 1999. The questions presented are sufficiently detailed and complex that the staff anticipates that additional time will be necessary to provide adequate answers. NRC Staff counsel has contacted counsel for Earthjustice, Marie Kirk, who stated she has no objection to the motion provided Earthjustice is granted an extension until Tuesday, June 15, 1999, to file a response. Accordingly, the NRC asks that the time for the Staff's answers be extended until June 4, 1999, and the time for Earthjustice to file a response to the NRC's answers be extended to June 15, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa B. Clark Counsel for NRC Staff

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 24th day of May 1999

GRANTED For the Licensing Board

Administrative Judge May 25, 1999

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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