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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL

OFFICE OF SECURITY
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ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

Before Administrative Judges:
Peter B. Bloch, Presiding Officer
Thomas D. Murphy, Special Assistant
Robin Brett, Special Assistant

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In the matter of

HYDRO RESOURCES, INC.
(2929 Coors Road
Suite 101
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120)

Docket No. 40-8968-ML

Re: Leach Mining
and Milling License

ASLBP No. 95-706-01-ML

MEMORANDUM
(Appointment of Special Assistant)

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.722(a)(1), 2.1209(j) of the Commission's regulations, the Presiding Officer in this proceeding, after consulting with Judge Paul Bollwark, Acting Chief Administrative Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, has appointed Administrative Judge Robin Brett to serve as an additional special assistant in this proceeding.

Judge Brett has expertise as a geologist and will assist the Presiding Officer in considering the written presentations of the parties, especially as they relate to groundwater issues.

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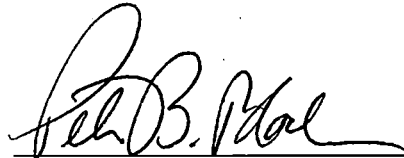
This appointment is subject to the notice and disqualification provisions described in 10 C.F.R. § 2.704. Henceforth, all correspondence, documents and other materials substantively concerned with groundwater issues shall be provided to Judge Brett, who is added to the service list for this purpose. Judge Brett's address is:

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Note that during the period April 5-April 9, Judge Brett plans to be working in the offices of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel. Mail that will arrive during that time period should be served at the following address:

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IT IS SO ORDERED.


Peter B. Bloch, Administrative Judge
Presiding Officer

Rockville, Maryland

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB MEMO (APPT. OF SPEC. ASST.) 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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