

September 4, 2018

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

In the Matter of )  
 ) Docket No. 72-1051  
Holtec International )  
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HI-STORE Consolidated Interim )  
Storage Facility )  
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**PETITION BY THE CITY OF HOBBS TO PARTICIPATE AS AN  
INTERESTED LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BODY**

On March 30, 2017, Holtec International filed its application for a license to construct and operate the HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage Facility in Lea County, New Mexico. On July 16, 2018, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published a notice of opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene. 83 Fed .Reg. 32919. The notice invited any State, local governmental body, Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof to participate as a non-party in the proceeding on the HI-STORE application, if one is initiated.

Section 2.315(c) of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice, 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(c), calls for the presiding officer in an adjudicatory proceeding to "afford an interested State, local governmental body (county, municipality, or other subdivision), and Federally-recognized Indian Tribe that has not been admitted as a party under § 2.309, a reasonable opportunity to participate in a hearing." Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(c), the City of Hobbs hereby requests permission to participate in these proceedings as an interested local governmental body.

The City of Hobbs is a municipality located in Lea County, New Mexico. The City of Hobbs' interest in the HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage Facility proceeding arises out of its geographic proximity to the proposed facility, anticipated support by governmental agencies, economic benefits, employment of its citizens, pre-existing scientific and nuclear operations workforce. As indicated by the attached Resolution, the City of Hobbs is authorized to participate in the HI-STORE proceeding under 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(c).

As required by 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(c), the City of Hobbs designates Garry Buie as its single representative for the hearing. Garry Buie's contact information is as follows.

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