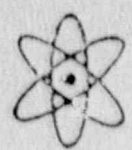


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October 10, 1989

Mr. John M. Montgomery  
Acting Regional Administrator  
Region IV, Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
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RE: Crow Butte Project

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

This letter is submitted in response to your letter of October 3, 1989, referencing NRC Docket No. 40-8829.

Regarding your first question, Ferret Exploration Company of Nebraska, Inc. ("FEN") is not currently utilizing, either as employees of FEN or as employees of partner, parent or consultant organizations, any prior employees of Ogle Petroleum, Inc. of California ("OPIC") for activities related to FEN's currently licensed activities or FEN's pending license application, and FEN has no plans to so utilize any prior employees of OPIC in the future.

Uranerz U.S.A., Inc. is a participant in the Crow Butte joint venture. George Hartman, Glenn Catchpole, and Kurtis Brown are all current employees of Uranerz who were former employees of OPIC. Neither Mr. Catchpole nor Mr. Brown has ever had any responsibility or authority in FEN, its currently licensed activities at Crow Butte, FEN's pending license application or FEN's proposed commercial operations.

Mr. Hartman was assigned by Uranerz to provide technical and planning assistance to FEN regarding the pending application and proposed commercial operations from about March, 1987 through late 1988. His role was limited to providing advice and recommendations to FEN's management, which retained full responsibility for preparing and submitting FEN's pending application and all plans for the proposed commercial operations. Mr. Hartman spent about half of his time in this advisory role from March - December, 1987 and 2 to 3 days a month during January - November, 1988. He has not had any other involvement in FEN's activities described in your letter.

To the best of FEN's knowledge, information and belief, no other former employees of OPIC have been involved in the Crow Butte project in any way. Please advise me promptly if you need any clarification.

Sincerely yours,

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