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Chief, Enrichment Branch
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Mail Stop 4-E-4
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

This letter is to provide the NRC with Commonwealth Edison Company's comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and Operation of the Claiborne Enrichment Center in Homer, Louisiana by Louisiana Energy Services, LP.

Commonwealth Edison Company, as operator of 12 commercial nuclear power reactors, is the largest non-military domestic consumer of uranium enrichment services. As such, we have a significant interest in the development of the Claiborne Enrichment Center as an additional domestic supplier of enrichment services. The construction and operation of the Claiborne Enrichment Center will be important to establishing another U.S. enrichment competitor. We believe having another domestic source of enrichment services is important to help assure low nuclear fuel costs to utilities, assure low electric energy costs for the benefit of the domestic economy and help assure national security.

We urge the NRC to proceed promptly with the licensing process for this facility in an environmentally responsible manner so that it may be constructed and begin commercial operation.

Very truly yours,

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Manager of Fuel

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