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Honorable ASLB Judges:

I am writing to object the Board's failure to provide clear instructions as to how non-parties to this license amendment proceeding are allowed to provide comments to the Board. The August 31, 2022 Federal Register notice referred non-parties to an ADAMS document which was not hyperlinked, and the notice contained zero explanation that persons would be allowed to provide public comments to the Board at the time of the December 12, 2022 hearing.

NRC regulations at 10 CFR Para. 2.315(a) state, "A person who is not a party . . . may, in the discretion of the presiding officer, be permitted to make a limited appearance by making an oral or written statement of his or her position on the issues at any session of the hearing or any prehearing conference within the limits and on the conditions fixed by the presiding officer." This was not done with regard to the Nuclear Fuel Services prehearing on December 12. I thus object and request that the Board place my below comments into the record of this proceeding and be deemed properly submitted pursuant to 10 CFR Para. 2.315(a).

I am very concerned about the thousands of families in Jonesborough, Greeneville, and the surrounding downstream counties. Already, enriched uranium with NFS's chemical fingerprints on it has contaminated the entire 95-river-mile stretch of the Nolichucky downstream of Erwin to at least Douglas Lake. The Nolichucky is the water source for these downstream communities. And that contamination was from the uranium enriched to 20% U-235 for nuclear fuel. If this license is granted for nuclear weaponry production, uranium will be enriched to 96% U-235, a far more dangerous process with eight (8) new accident scenarios associated with the process.

In addition to my concern about the water contamination, I strongly oppose the technology for nuclear weaponry being transferred from a government facility to a private, for-profit corporation. U. S. and international law prohibit the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

/s/ Claire Lovelace