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Honorable ASLB Panel Chair & NRC Rulemaking & Adjudications Staff:

Thank you for your January 23, 2023 MEMORANDUM. I am submitting a limited appearance statement in order to make the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board aware of my concerns at issue in the subject proceeding.

For the following reasons I am in favor of ECAN's hearing request and I am opposed to NFS being licensed to produce weapons grade uranium.

I am opposed to purifying uranium for the bomb at a private company in the middle of a small town in close proximity to homes & schools, an interstate & the Nolichucky River, source of drinking water for Jonesborough & Greeneville. I am concerned that weapons work will further pollute the Nolichucky which NFS has contaminated with nuclear waste for 95-river-miles downstream of Erwin. I am concerned about increased threats & risks to the low-income people of Appalachia & that some of the new processes are experimental. I am concerned about the 8 new accident scenarios that this uranium purification project will introduce. I support the following positions of ECAN

- (1) that NRC investigate ongoing chemical & radioactive poisoning of underground & surface water;
- (2) that NFS be required to adopt a strict quality assurance program throughout its operations;
- (3) that a comprehensive assessment of the cumulative impacts on the environment of this 65-year-old plant – that is, an EIS -- is long overdue and must be done; and
- (4) that a proliferation assessment be performed on the legality of making nuclear weapons material at a private company when U.S. and international law prohibit the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

/s/ Creel Allen Pickel Jr.