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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

In Re: Matter of Molycorp, Inc.
Docket Numbers 40-8794-MLA and 40-8778-MLA

Dear Judge Bechhoefer:

This law firm represents Canton Township, Pennsylvania, which has requested a hearing before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the above referenced matter. The City of Washington has also requested a hearing in this matter.

The predecessor Administrative Judge in this matter, Peter B. Bloch, by Order dated August 25, 1999 ordered that Petitioners Canton Township and the City of Washington file amendments to their respective Requests for Hearing in this matter. By his same August 25 Order, Judge Bloch provided that the parties may jointly petition for suspension of the schedule pending active negotiation. The parties hereto have previously requested an extension of the schedule and by Order dated September 15, 1999, Judge Bloch extended the Petitioners' time to amend their Requests for Hearing until November 1, 1999. In his September 15 Order, Judge Bloch also noted that the parties may request further extension as appropriate.

Canton Township, the City of Washington and Molycorp, Inc. have authorized me to advise you that negotiations are continuing among the parties, and documents the Petitioners have requested from Molycorp are still being reviewed. The parties hereby request a further extension of time until November 15, 1999 by which the Petitioners must file amendments to their respective Requests for Hearing. As negotiations and document review are ongoing, further requests for extension of time may be forthcoming.

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If appropriate, this request/stipulation can be filed with your office and with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a formal document. However, Judge Bloch has previously honored this type of informal expression of the parties' intent. Please advise if you require a formal stipulation.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Very truly yours,



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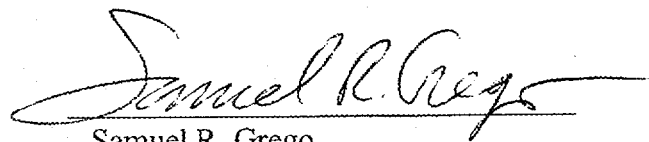
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