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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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GENERAL COUNSEL
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Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

In the Matter of)
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PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE L.L.C.)
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(Private Fuel Storage Facility))

Docket No. 72-22 - /SFS/

**JOINT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
CONCERNING PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

Applicant Private Fuel Storage L.L.C. ("Applicant" or "PFS") files this joint report pursuant to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Memorandum and Order (Ruling on Summary Disposition and Discovery Motions Regarding Contention Utah H), LBP-99-42, ___ NRC ___, dated November 2, 1999. In Section II.D of LBP-99-42, the Board requested the State, PFS, and the Staff to advise the Board in a joint filing whether they have any objection to the public release of any part of LBP-99-42 because it would involve the disclosure of proprietary information subject to nondisclosure under 10 C.F.R. § 2.790. The Board also requested that the parties advise the Board in a joint filing (1) whether they anticipate that any hearing on contention Utah H, contention Utah GG, or any other contention will involve the use of proprietary information such that the proceedings should be closed; and (2) if a closed hearing is necessary, whether proceedings on those contentions should be held in conjunction with the closed hearing

on contention Security-C as outlined in the parties' November 1, 1999 joint report on scheduling for that issue, or should be conducted under another schedule, bearing in mind the Board's preference for conducting closed hearings at the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel Hearing Room in Rockville, Maryland.

Counsel for the Applicant has conferred with counsel for the State and counsel for the Staff with respect to the above matters. Concerning whether any of the parties object to the public release of any part of LBP-99-42 because it would involve the disclosure of proprietary information, the Applicant is able to inform the Board that none of the parties object to the public release of any part of LBP-99-42, and it may be so released.

Concerning whether any hearing on Utah contentions H and GG will involve proprietary information such that the proceedings should be closed, the parties do anticipate that some parts of the evidence on these contentions, as well as on other contentions, primarily Utah E on financial qualifications and Utah S on decommissioning, may involve proprietary information such that parts of the hearing would need to be closed. However, the parties believe that it is too early to determine the extent to which proprietary information would be involved and the extent to which the hearing would therefore need to be closed. The parties believe that they will be in a much better position to ascertain the extent to which proprietary information will be involved in any hearing on these and other contentions after having prepared and filed direct testimony on the contentions.

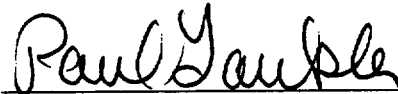
The parties do not favor holding any closed hearings that may be necessary on the above contentions in conjunction with the closed hearing on contention Security-C as outlined in the parties' November 1, 1999 joint report on scheduling for that issue. The dates proposed by the parties with respect to Security C were premised on the hearing involving a single contention and were selected to minimize overlap with other scheduled activities, i.e., summary disposition and preparing and filing direct testimony on the remaining contentions.

The parties believe that to the extent that all or portions of any of the hearing on the other contentions will involve proprietary information, such that the hearing will need to be closed, the closed portion of the hearing could be conducted in Utah in conjunction with the hearing on the other contentions as currently scheduled. Although the attendance at the closed portions of the hearing would need to be restricted and other precautions may need to be undertaken, hearings involving proprietary matters would not trigger the security measures required for Safeguards Information, such as use in a controlled access building. Thus, a closed hearing involving proprietary matters could more easily be undertaken in Salt Lake City than one involving Safeguards Information. Also, it would have the advantage of allowing those portions of the hearing on a contention which do not involve proprietary information to be open to the public and avoid unnecessary travel and moving of hearing materials during the middle of the hearing (assuming that both the closed and non-closed portions of the hearings would be

held in the same general time frame, regardless of where they are held, as the parties believe is most reasonable).

In summary, none of the parties object to the public release of any part of LBP-99-42. Further, the parties believe that the question of the extent to which closed hearings will be required should be postponed until after the parties file their direct testimony at which time both the Board and the parties will have a much better idea of the extent to which the hearing on the various contentions will involve proprietary information. The parties further believe that closed hearings involving proprietary matters should not be held in conjunction with the closed hearing on contention Security-C in Rockville, Maryland, but instead should be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled hearings in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Respectfully submitted,



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