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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

) Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI

) PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, LLC
) (Independent Spent Fuel
) Storage Installation)

) ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI

) March 17, 2000

**STATE OF UTAH'S REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION FOR AN
OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF THE LICENSING BOARD'S CERTIFIED
QUESTION TO THE COMMISSION**

On March 10, 2000 the Licensing Board issued LBP-00-06, Memorandum and Order (Granting in Part, Denying in Part, and Referring Ruling on Summary Disposition Motion Regarding Contention Utah E/Confederated Tribes F), and referred a portion of that decision to the Commission for its consideration.

Today, the State filed with the Licensing Board a Motion to Delay the Hearing Schedule for Contention E until the Commission renders a decision on the Board's certified question. The issues before the Commission form the heart of the State's concerns with respect to whether the Applicant meets the financial assurance requirement of 10 C.F.R. § 72.22(e). The State respectfully requests the opportunity to brief the Commission on the certified question the Board has placed before it.

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DATED this 17th day of March, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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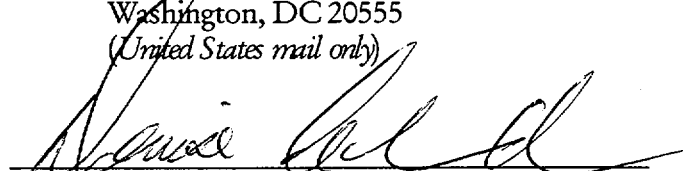
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