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September 23, 2004

Chairman Nils Diaz
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, L.P.,
NATIONAL ENRICHMENT FACILITY, EUNICE, NEW MEXICO

Dear Chairman Diaz:

Enclosed is a resolution from the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico, which expresses support of the National Enrichment Facility in Eunice, New Mexico.

With this resolution, the City of Carlsbad and Eddy County governments have both signed resolutions to bring the National Enrichment Facility to Eunice, New Mexico.

Again I urge you to give prompt consideration to the Louisiana Energy Services application.

Best regards,

John A. Heaton
State Representative
District 55

Enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-44

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE NATIONAL ENRICHMENT FACILITY
LOCATED IN EUNICE, NEW MEXICO**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. (National Enrichment Facility) seeks to build a uranium enrichment plant to provide enriched uranium for the United States nuclear energy industry; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefit to Southeastern New Mexico will be stability, growth, job creation and industry diversification; and

WHEREAS, the facility will produce a depleted uranium byproduct in cylinders (Uranium Byproduct Cylinders - UBCs) that will undergo deconversion with final disposal in a location outside of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the facility will be virtually the same as uranium enrichment plants that have operated safely in Europe for more than 30 years; and


WHEREAS, the facility will be licensed and regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), along with appropriate State agencies; and

WHEREAS, the facility will have regulated air and water emissions at or below State and Federal limits, as allowed by the NRC and New Mexico Environment Department; and

WHEREAS, the National Enrichment Facility, to be situated in Southeastern New Mexico, has the support of major U.S. utilities, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Senate Energy Committee Chairman Pete Domenici and ranking member, Senator Jeff Bingaman, Congressman Steve Pearce, and numerous local and State elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CARLSBAD that the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico supports locating such facility in Southeast New Mexico in the interest of regional economic stability.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of September, 2004.



Bob Forrest, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk