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**In the Matter of  
LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, L.P.  
(National Enrichment Facility)  
Docket No. 70-3103-ML**

Dear Administrative Judges:

In the interest of keeping the Licensing Board apprised of matters that may be of interest, LES is providing the following information.

Urenco Enrichment Company Limited, one of the general partners in Louisiana Energy Services, L.P., has announced that it is purchasing the 24.5% interest in LES currently held by Westinghouse Electric Company, the other general partner. While the change in

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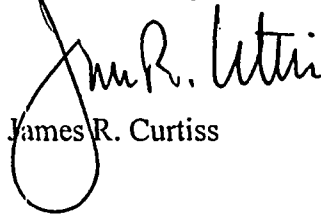
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ownership is not material to the contested issues pending before the Board in this proceeding, LES nevertheless believes that it is prudent to keep the Licensing Board and parties apprised of the change in ownership.

As a result of the change, LES will submit amended sections of the license application for the NRC Staff's review. LES does not anticipate that the change in partnership composition will impact the conclusions in the Safety Evaluation Report or the licensing schedule since the purchase does not alter either the current LES management or the ultimate owners of LES. Instead, Urenco's purchase of Westinghouse's interest simply results in Urenco owning 90% of LES (since Urenco is one-third owned by BNFL and Westinghouse is currently wholly owned by BNFL). Consequently, BNFL, the Dutch government, and two German utilities will continue to be the owners of LES. As the Staff has already reviewed and approved the financial qualifications and other characteristics of LES and its partnership structure, LES does not anticipate any impediments to Staff approval of the ownership realignment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Curtiss", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

James R. Curtiss

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