

August 30, 2018

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)	
)	Docket No. 72-1051
Holtec International)	
)	
HI-STORE Consolidated Interim)	
Storage Facility)	
)	

**PETITION BY THE EDDY-LEA ENERGY ALLIANCE TO PARTICIPATE AS AN
INTERESTED LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BODY**

On March 30, 2017, Holtec International filed its application for a license to construct and operate the HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage Facility in Lea County, New Mexico. On July 16, 2018, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published a notice of opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene. 83 Fed .Reg. 32919. The notice invited any State, local governmental body, Federally-recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof to participate as a non-party in the proceeding on the HI-STORE application, if one is initiated.

Section 2.315(c) of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s Rules of Practice, 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(c), calls for the presiding officer in an adjudicatory proceeding to “afford an interested State, local governmental body (county, municipality, or other subdivision), and Federally-recognized Indian Tribe that has not been admitted as a party under § 2.309, a reasonable opportunity to participate in a hearing.” Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(c), the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance hereby requests permission to participate in these proceedings as an interested local governmental body.

The Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance is a public body created through a JPA of the counties of Eddy and Lea and the cities of Carlsbad and Hobbs located in Southeast, New Mexico. The Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance interest in the HI-STORE Consolidated Interim Storage Facility proceeding arises out of its geographic proximity to the proposed facility, ownership of the land optioned for the proposed facility, anticipated support by governmental agencies, economic benefits, employment of its citizens, pre-existing scientific and nuclear operations workforce. As indicated by the attached Resolution, the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance is authorized to participate in the HI-STORE proceeding under 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(c).

As required by 10 C.F.R. § 2.315(c), the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance designates John A. Heaton as its single representative for the hearing. John A. Heaton's contact information is as follows.

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