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John H. Frye, III
Administrative Judge
Atomic Safety and Licensing
Board Panel
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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In the Matter of
Sequoyah Fuels Corp.
(Sequoyah Facility)
Docket No. 40-8027; ASLBP No. 85-513-03-ML

Dear Judge Frye:

Your Memorandum and Order dated August 8, 1985 (50 Fed. Reg. 32665, August 13, 1985) giving Notice of Informal Hearing and Opportunity to Become a Party, provides that the NRC staff shall notify you in writing if it wishes to participate as a party in the referenced proceeding. The Staff has reviewed the papers filed by petitioners in light of the subject amendment application and other pertinent matters in the docket file and has determined not to participate as a party.

The Staff is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment and Safety Evaluation addressing the application for an amendment to the source material license to authorize the conversion of depleted uranium hexafluoride (UF_6) to depleted uranium tetrafluoride (UF_4); when such evaluations are issued by the Staff, they will be placed in the licensing docket file and provided to the Presiding Officer and to the parties. The Staff will similarly provide to the Presiding Officer and parties other documents or correspondence regarding the amendment application. By separate cover, the Staff will provide the Presiding Officer and parties with a copy of the renewal of License No. SUB-1010 issued on September 20, 1984 and the Environmental Assessment and Safety Evaluation supporting the license renewal. Those documents are being provided for general background information only, in that the scope of the present proceeding does not encompass the renewal of the source materials license.

During the course of the proceeding, technical or legal issues may arise as to which the Presiding Officer may desire the views of the Staff. As stated in the notice of informal hearing, the Presiding Officer may seek such information from the Staff directly. 50 Fed. Reg. at 32667. In addition, the

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Staff may determine that a technical or legal matter is of such importance as to warrant a request for permission to express its position to the Presiding Officer. We believe such action would be consistent with the procedures established for this informal proceeding.

In order to permit the Staff to be apprised of developments in the proceeding, particularly as they bear on the above considerations and upon the Staff's licensing responsibilities, the Staff requests that the undersigned be placed on the Service List for this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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