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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: In the Matter of Louisiana Energy Services
Docket No. 70-3070-ML

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

LES responds to the request by Intervenor CANT for delay in the anticipated briefing schedule assuming the Commission agrees to review either or both decisions of the Licensing Board in LBP-97-3 and LBP-97-8, or CANT's separate petition to review denial of its waiver petition.

The unfortunate practice of CANT's counsel in seeking (and often obtaining) delay to meet personal and other obligations has already seriously prejudiced LES in this proceeding. For example, the proceeding was delayed several months from November 1994 to March 1995, in the transition from hearings on environmental issues to hearings on safety issues, because the Licensing Board postponed hearings at the request of CANT's counsel. Similar requests and delays have occurred sporadically throughout the proceeding.

These requests have, in the aggregate, contributed to a proceeding now seven years in length, with several important issues now just reaching the Commission. Accordingly, LES vigorously opposes any further adjustment of schedule other than necessary to meet emergencies. Typically, licensing boards and this Commission have insisted that all parties and their counsel meet professional obligations as necessary to cooperate in a fair and expeditious completion of the proceeding.

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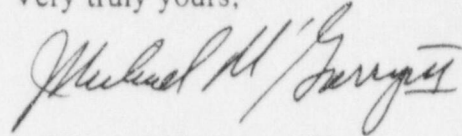
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With respect to Intervenor's suggestion that "each petition be briefed separately," it is Applicant's position that a single brief and briefing schedule be established by the Commission, for those matters on which the Commission grants review, the length of the brief and the timing of its submission to be determined by the Commission in consideration of the complexity of the issues.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael McGarry, III".

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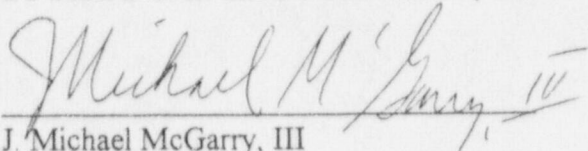
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