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Mr. David Henderson
Office of Nuclear Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Notice of Ex-Parte Communication

RE: *Excess Uranium Management: Effects of DOE Transfers of Excess Uranium on Domestic Uranium Mining, Conversion, and Enrichment Industries; Request for Information*

Dear Mr. Henderson,

On February 25, 2015, the undersigned along with the following locally elected officials in Wyoming: Mark Christensen (Commissioner, Campbell County, WY), John Kolb (Commissioner, Sweetwater County, WY), Lindy Glode (Commissioner, Carbon County, WY) and Carol Seeger (Deputy County Attorney, Campbell County, WY) met with Department of Energy (DOE) staff to discuss the above referenced Request for Information.

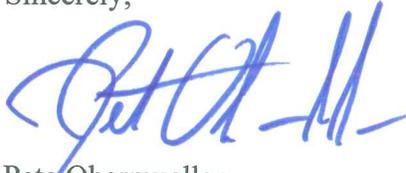
During the meeting, DOE staff provided an overview of the excess uranium stockpile, its sources and uses. Explanation was offered regarding the use of barter authority to augment Congressional appropriation for the purposes of decontamination and decommissioning of legacy nuclear sites, including sites in Piketon, OH and Paducah, KY. Further explanation was offered regarding the amount of material transferred into the market at the present time, and the nature of the contracts vis-à-vis the length of time covered by a Secretarial Determination indicating no adverse material impact.

The Wyoming local officials discussed the importance of a strong domestic industry, and expressed concern that the ERI market impact analysis specifically attributes job loss to the disposition of excess uranium. The Wyoming officials indicated that while job loss numbers may appear small, in counties with a population of only a few thousand, even small job losses are meaningful to the viability of the community. The officials indicated that as the DOE examine adverse impacts, a look at job loss in counties may be a worthwhile endeavor. Finally, the Wyoming officials indicated that they are aware of the competing interests and the necessity of decontamination and decommissioning, but

requested that DOE work to ensure that domestic uranium mining in Wyoming is not unduly hindered.

Further questions on this filing should be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Obermueller", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pete Obermueller
Executive Director
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