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Dated: June 7, 1999.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8681-MLA-7; ASLBP No. 99-767-07-MLA]

International Uranium (USA) Corporation; Designation of Presiding Officer

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and Sections 2.1201 and 2.1207 of Part 2 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

International Uranium (USA) Corporation (IUSA) (Request for Materials License Amendment)

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 CFR part 2, subpart L, of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted by Ken Sleight in response to a notice of consideration of a license amendment for International Uranium (USA) Corporation's White Mesa Uranium Mill. International Uranium (USA) Corporation has applied for an amendment to its license to receive and process uranium bearing material removed from Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program sites located in the St. Louis, Missouri area. The notice of the proposed amendment request was published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 23,876, May 4, 1999.

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge

Peter B. Bloch. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR §§ 2.722, 2.1209, Administrative Judge Richard F. Cole has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bloch and Judge Cole in accordance with 10 CFR § 2.1203. Their addresses are:

Administrative Judge Peter B. Bloch, Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dr. Richard F. Cole, Special Assistant, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of June 1999.

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,

Acting Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-09 & License No. SNM-2504]

(Fort St. Vrain Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation); Order Approving Transfer and Notice of Issuance of License Amendment

In the Matter of Public Service Company of Colorado, United States Department of Energy

I

On November 4, 1991, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 72, License No. SNM-2504 was issued, under which Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) was authorized to receive, possess, and store spent fuel at the Fort St. Vrain (FSV) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), which is located near Platteville, Colorado.

II

In October 1995, the State of Idaho, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and the U.S. Department of the Navy entered into a settlement agreement that, among other things, prohibited spent fuel currently stored in Colorado at the FSV ISFSI from being shipped to Idaho for storage. In December 1995, the DOE notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) of its intent to procure the FSV ISFSI from PSCo, take possession of the spent

nuclear fuel stored there, and obtain approval from the NRC to transfer NRC license SNM-2504 to DOE. In February 1996, PSCo and DOE's Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID) formalized a contract modification by which DOE took immediate title to all of the spent fuel at FSV. Under the contract, PSCo continued to manage the spent fuel at the FSV ISFSI under NRC License SNM-2504 until such time as the NRC license was transferred to DOE.

On December 17, 1996, DOE submitted an application seeking transfer of the FSV ISFSI license from PSCo to DOE. Notice of the application for transfer and license amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 1997 (62 FR 10596). An environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact regarding the proposed transfer was published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 1997 (62 FR 15737).

III

The transfer of rights under Materials License SNM-2504 is subject to the NRC's approval under 10 CFR 72.50. Based on information provided by DOE, the Commission has determined that DOE is qualified to be the holder of SNM-2504 and that the transfer of the FSV ISFSI license, subject to the conditions set forth herein, is consistent with applicable provisions of the law and the regulations and orders issued by the Commission. The proposed transfer was evaluated by the NRC staff as documented in a Safety Evaluation dated May 1999. The conditions of the transfer, to which DOE has not objected, are:

A. For the duration of the license, the licensee shall inform the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, at least 90 days in advance, of the replacement of the entity contracted by the licensee to perform the management and operation (the M&O contractor) of the FSV ISFSI.

B. Within 180 days after the replacement of the M&O contractor, the licensee shall assess the performance of the M&O contractor and provide a statement to the NRC verifying that the replacement of the M&O contractor has had no effect on the execution of licensed responsibilities for the FSV ISFSI.

IV

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 USC §§ 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234 and 10 CFR 72.50, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission consents to the proposed transfer of control of SNM-