ANSWER OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO THE JOINT MOTION BY EUREKA COUNTY, CHURCHILL COUNTY, CLARK COUNTY, ESMERALDA COUNTY, INYO COUNTY, LANDER COUNTY, LINCOLN COUNTY, MINERAL COUNTY, NYE COUNTY, AND WHITE PINE COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT AND INSTITUTIONALIZE WEBCASTING OF YUCCA MOUNTAIN-RELATED PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.323(c), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) hereby files its Answer to the “Joint Motion by Eureka County, Churchill County, Clark County, Esmeralda County, Inyo County, Lander County, Lincoln County, Mineral County, Nye County, and White Pine County to Implement and Institutionalize Webcasting of Yucca Mountain-Related Proceedings,” (Joint Motion), filed on February 23, 2009. DOE does not object to the Joint Motion to the extent that it is limited to the webcasting of adjudicatory proceedings in this matter, including “oral arguments, adjudicatory conferences and hearings.”
Joint Motion at 1. DOE objects to the webcasting of proceedings, in which protected information, such as classified, proprietary and other similarly categorized information, is anticipated to be disclosed.

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I hereby certify that copies of the “ANSWER OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO THE JOINT MOTION BY EUREKA COUNTY, CHURCHILL COUNTY, CLARK COUNTY, ESMERALDA COUNTY, INYO COUNTY, LANDER COUNTY, LINCOLN COUNTY, MINERAL COUNTY, NYE COUNTY, AND WHITE PINE COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT AND INSTITUTIONALIZE WEBCASTING OF YUCCA MOUNTAIN-RELATED PROCEEDINGS” have been served on the following persons this 25th day of February 2009 through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s Electronic Information Exchange.

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