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Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senate
104 Senate Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

I am writing on behalf of Entergy Corporation to advise you that we plan to hold in abeyance future investments in the Private Fuel Storage LLC in Utah as long as there is apparent and continuing progress toward federally-sponsored away-from-reactor storage and disposal for the nation's spent nuclear fuel. Although Entergy Corporation is a strong supporter of nuclear energy as the owner of the second largest fleet of nuclear plants in the US, we recognize the political obstacles to finding solutions to management of spent fuel from nuclear plants and believe the Utah facility is probably not the best solution to be pursued at this time. We also, however, recognize a responsibility to the communities in which we operate nuclear plants and to the customers who have paid into the waste fund to work for a permanent national repository to receive spent fuel at the earliest possible date.

We look forward to working with you and other members of the Utah delegation in the future to find the safest and most politically acceptable way to manage reactor spent fuel over the long term.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Curt Hébert".

Cc. Hon. Robert Bennett
Hon. Chris Cannon
Hon. Jim Matheson
Hon. Rob Bishop