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Senator Mark Johnson & Representative Matthew J. Shepherd
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Energy
Arkansas General Assembly

Re: Request to Discuss Engagement of EXCEL Services Corporation
as Sole-Source Consultant for Act 707 Technical Feasibility Study

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson and Shepherd:

The 95th General Assembly recently passed HB 1572 (now Act 707). The Act requires a technical feasibility study on implementing nuclear energy generation in Arkansas. It would be the first step towards development of new nuclear for the State.

EXCEL Services Corporation ("EXCEL") proposes a sole-source path to procurement. EXCEL is fully qualified and uniquely satisfies the consultant-qualification elements in Act 707 § 1(b), including:

- Four decades of nuclear-licensing support covering every U.S. nuclear operator.
- Extensive new nuclear build and siting experience.
- Staffed with former nuclear utility and nuclear regulator executives and technical experts with decades of experience in nuclear licensing, siting, regulations, and designs.
- Technology-neutral, allowing EXCEL to evaluate each reactor technology fairly.
- Majority owned and entirely managed by U.S. Navy nuclear veterans.
- Staffed with an Arkansas-licensed attorney with extensive knowledge of both nuclear and Arkansas law.

Given the Act's July 2026 deadline for the study, the description of the consultant, the preference in § 1(c) for a consultant owned and managed by veterans with military nuclear power experience, and the multi-month process of competitive bids, a competitive procurement would not improve the selection of the consultant. Instead it would create an unnecessary delay, endangering schedule compliance. A sole source procurement prevents that problem.

EXCEL respectfully proposed a meeting to discuss (1) the procurement process for the consultant and (2) EXCEL's outline of the proposed scope of work, cost, and timeline. EXCEL would also ask for your feedback so the study could address your thoughts and concerns. EXCEL can support any meeting dates except June 24.

Finally, attached to this letter are: the proposed timeline & outline; the biography of the undersigned (Brian Meadors); the biography of the CEO (Donald Hoffman); and a brochure of EXCEL's history and capabilities (new reactors are at pages 5-13; the brochure is in the process of being updated to include more recent work like our feasibility studies for the U.S. Dep't of State).

Respectfully submitted,

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