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Conveying Support of the City of Ely, Nevada for Comments To the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for The Yucca Mountain Deep Geologic Repository Prepared by White Pine County, Nevada and Submitted to the Department of Energy

WHEREAS, the City of Ely is the only incorporated community within White Pine County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ely is crossed by U.S. Highway 93, 6 and 50; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada has identified, and within the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yucca Mountain Project the Department of Energy has given cursory consideration to, possible legal-weight truck routes for transporting spent nuclear fuel and other high-level radioactive waste through the City of Ely; and

WHEREAS, White Pine County has been designated by the Secretary of Energy as "affected" by the proposed deep-geologic repository for spent nuclear fuel and other high-level radioactive waste to be located at Yucca Mountain; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 116 (c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended, White Pine County has submitted comments to the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Yucca Mountain project to the Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, White Pine County's comments to the SDEIS raise important issues regarding the insufficient extent to which impacts of the repository system, including transportation, to the County and City of have been addressed within the SDEIS.

1 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Ely does hereby concur and adopt as its own the comments to the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Yucca Mountain Project submitted by White Pine County in a letter dated June 13, 2001 to the Department of Energy.

2 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Ely supports figure 2-4 of the White Pine County Comments to the Supplemental Draft SDEIS so long as figure 2-4 is amended to read that the Nevada Northern Railroad will be considered a primary route of shipment for any waste shipped through White Pine County to the Yucca Mountain Project Sight

3 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the City of Ely does not support page 2-19 of the White Pine County Comments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Department of Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management and to the State of Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects.

Adopted this 12th day of July 2001.

Ayes: 5 Nayes: 0

Abstain: 0

Approved City of Ely

Mayor

Ely City Clerk