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Via U.S. Mail

Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Jagdish C. Laul v. Los Alamos National Laboratories, No. 19-178*

Respondent Los Alamos National Security, LLC (“LANS”), respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time in which to file its response to the petition for writ of certiorari filed by Petitioner and received by undersigned counsel on August 8, 2019. The current due date for LANS’ response to the petition is September 9, 2019. A 30-day extension would create a new due date of October 9, 2019. As demonstrated below, this request is not made for the purpose of delay, but is necessary so that LANS counsel may review the petition and provide a thorough response.

LANS has been represented by Hinkle Shanor LLP throughout this litigation. The Hinkle Shanor attorneys responsible for the summary judgment and Tenth Circuit appellate briefing in this matter are unavailable until late September. Lead counsel, Ellen Casey, is currently out of state caring for her elderly mother and will not be back in the office until late September. Hinkle Shanor attorney Jaime Kennedy, who also worked extensively on the Laul briefing, will be out of the country on a long-planned vacation for the first two weeks of September. The presence and input of these two attorneys is critical for LANS’ ability to fully respond to the Petition received on August 8, 2019.

Counsel for Petitioner Jagdish Laul has been contacted and does not oppose the requested extension.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellen S. Casey
Ellen S. Casey

cc: Trace Rabern (*via email*)