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Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary
U. S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It recently came to our attention that the contributions of employees of the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) to the Thrift Savings Plan, for the pay date of July 5, 2007 were late. The contributions were not made until July 9th. Our research shows that all other contributions made this year were on or before the pay date. Therefore, Energy employees had money withheld from their pay without being invested for four days.

A review of the share price history shows that for all funds except for the F Fund, the share price was higher on July 9th than on July 5th. This resulted in less shares being bought for each employee's account. We are of the opinion that if an adjustment is not made to employees' accounts, due to this oversight, it may result in a violation of the Employees Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

It is our hope that you and your staff will review this action, make the necessary adjustments and inform us of your action. If I can be of any more assistance in this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Ronald J. Demicheli
President

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