

United Nuclear Wins Court Round

The New Mexico Supreme Court has upheld a lower-court decision voiding any obligation by the United Nuclear Corporation to deliver nearly \$1 billion worth of uranium to the General Atomic Company. The decision, which was handed down late Friday afternoon and announced by U.N.C. yesterday, is the latest step in a legal battle between the two companies that has been under way for several years.

The case — the largest in the history of the state — arose out of agreements in the early 1970's that called for U.N.C. to deliver 27 million pounds of uranium to General Atomic, which is a joint venture of the Gulf Oil Corporation and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group. Arguing that General Atomic was part of an international cartel that was trying to corner the uranium market, U.N.C. sued to have those contracts overturned. In 1978, a New Mexico state court rendered a default judgment against General Atomic on the ground that the company refused to supply certain information during the discovery process.

General Atomic has 90 days to appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

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