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New NFS president looks to future By Keeli Parkey February 17, 2009 In January it was announced that the Babcock & Wilcox Company (B&W) acquired Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. Dave Kudsin, was familiar with NFS long before he became the company's new president. On Friday, the president sat down with The Beacon and shared how he came to call Erwin his new home and what the future may hold for NFS. Kudsin has been an employee of B&W since 1975. He began working for the company after college. Kudsin holds a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from Wayne State University in his hometown of Detroit and a master's degree in engineering administration from George Washington University in Washington D.C. His first job for B&W took him to Lynchburg, Virginia. He lived there with his wife and two children for almost 13 years. Kudsin began his career at B&W in the materials engineering group at Lynchburg. "At that point in time the core contractors were buying fuel for Navy use directly from fuel suppliers," Kudsin said. "At one point in time I had responsibility for fuel in Lynchburg and that required that I come to Erwin to meet with people at NFS." The president made these trips to Erwin during the late-1970s. While working in Lynchburg, Kudsin said that he held "variety of engineering and engineering management jobs" for almost 13 years before moving to Indianapolis. In the mid-1980s B&W bought a facility in Indianapolis and Kudsin went to work there. That facility manufactured products for the Department of Defense, including missile war heads and wings and fins for missiles. From there Indianapolis Kudsin moved to Idaho and began working at the National Laboratory a DOE facility, which is located a few miles outside of Idaho Falls. At the National Laboratory he was the director of the Specific Manufacturing Capability Project. This project manufactured the armor for the Abrams tanks used by the U.S. Army. After 13 years at the National Laboratory, Kudsin became president of NFS. He is currently in the process of moving from Idaho to Erwin. "It's been great so far," the president said of the time he has spent in Erwin. "We're excited about coming here... This is a beautiful part of the country." Looking toward the future after B&W's acquisition, Kudsin stated that NFS's base business, supplying fuel to the U.S. Navy, should continue with little change. "From the forecasts we have been given that looks stable," he said. Kudsin believes that the nuclear agenda is moving forward after several decades of remaining relatively unchanged. "For a long time there weren't people standing in line trying to get new license applications through the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) for commercial reactors," he said. "Today there is a line at the NRC. With the recent increase in the price of oil, I think people started to seriously think about what the future is when it comes to energy." "Given the fact that the nuclear agenda is moving forward, I think we need to look to see if there is a place for (NFS) to participate in the commercial nuclear business." Acquiring NFS allows B&W to enhance its position as a leader in nuclear manufacturing and nuclear services for both the government and commercial marketplace. The acquisition also increases the number of B&W employees that are familiar with the safety requirements necessary when dealing with high-enriched uranium. "We think that will be important as we move forward," Kudsin added. Kudsin said that B&W is very aware of NFS' commitment to the community, especially to education. "It is clear that NFS has had a focus toward children and education. We fully intend to continue that," he said. "Those are

programs that are easy for us to continue. The emphasis on educational excellence and lifelong learning are important for the company.”