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Montgomery to Step Down as Jefferson Lab Director

Washington, DC – Hugh Montgomery, Director of the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, announced today that he will resign his position after over seven years at the helm of the research facility. He will also step down as the President and CEO of Jefferson Science Associates (JSA), a joint venture between the Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) and PAE. JSA is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) facility.

Until a successor is named, Montgomery will continue to lead the laboratory as it moves forward toward completion of the 12 GeV Upgrade Project and embarks on a full-energy experimental physics program.

“Dr. Montgomery’s leadership of JSA has been characterized by superb science,” said Taylor Reveley, President of William & Mary and Chair of the JSA Board of Directors. “Mont has ensured that the scientific capabilities of the Lab are unsurpassed to the great benefit of the international scientific community.” The Board is expected to announce a search committee in the coming weeks.

In a message to lab staff, Montgomery said, “We have enjoyed numerous challenges over the past seven years or so, and have achieved a good number of successes as the laboratory consolidated its position among the major nuclear physics facilities in the world.”

Montgomery also applauded the support of Congress, the Department of Energy, and the Commonwealth of Virginia for their investments in the laboratory, “We enjoy a privileged position with excellent support from both the local and broader communities and a user community from across the world.”

“Dr. Hugh Montgomery (Mont) has been a tireless advocate for international efforts to advance particle and nuclear science”, commented Dr. Cherry Murray, Director of the Office of Science at the Department of Energy. “Through his leadership and vision, Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility and the nearly completed 12 GeV Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF) upgrade are now uniquely positioned to advance understanding of how the visible matter in the universe was formed from quarks and gluons dominant in the early cosmos.”

An internationally recognized physicist, Montgomery came to Jefferson Lab after 25 years at Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, IL, where he’d most recently held the position of associate director for research. Montgomery began his career in 1972 as a research associate at the Daresbury Laboratory in Great Britain. In 1978, he became a staff member at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. He joined the staff at Fermi in 1983 where his work included involvement in the discovery of the top quark in 1995. Montgomery held a number of positions within the laboratory management before being named associate director for research in 2002.

Reveley concluded, “The JSA Board, Lab employees, and members of the Lab’s user community join me in expressing our warm thanks and appreciation to Dr. Montgomery for his extraordinary service to Jefferson Lab and the advance of science.”

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