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Region of Quantum Critical Behavior in $\text{Ce}(\text{Ru}_{1-x}\text{Rh}_x)_2\text{Si}_2$ ¹ G.R. STEWART, J.S. KIM, D.J. MIXSON, D. BURNETTE, Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Florida — The magnetic phase diagram of $\text{Ce}(\text{Ru}_{1-x}\text{Rh}_x)_2\text{Si}_2$ is quite rich, with a spin density ordering temperature approaching $T=0$ around $x_{QCP} = 0.4$ and with - from the Rh rich side where T_N of CeRh_2Si_2 is 36 K - a long range, local moment ordering temperature approaching $T=0$ at approximately $x_{QCP} = 0.6$. Specific heat data down to 0.04 K for a number of compositions indicate a *region* of non-Fermi liquid behavior between $x=0.4$ and 0.6 associated with the two quantum critical points. The nature of the nFl temperature dependence in the specific heat changes from Moriya-like weak spin fluctuation behavior at the Ru rich side to strong fluctuation, $C/T \propto \log T$ behavior at the Rh rich end. How this smooth progression of behavior with increasing x provides insights into our understanding of non-Fermi liquid behavior in general will be discussed. The disagreement in the literature over whether C/T is Moriya-like or follows $\log T$ at $x=0.5$ is resolved in favor of the former temperature dependence.

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