

June 23, 2000

Mr. Karl Jacobs, Chairman
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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF TOPICAL REPORT WCAP-12476, "EVALUATION OF
LOCA DURING MODE 3 AND 4 OPERATION FOR WESTINGHOUSE NSSS,"
NON-PROPRIETARY (MUHP-1499) (TAC NO. M83321)

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

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If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mohammed Shuaibi at (301) 415-2859 or Steve Bloom at (301) 415-1313.

Sincerely,

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