

June 29, 2000

Mr. Randall K. Edington
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SUBJECT: RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1 - RE: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NO. MA6185)

Dear Mr. Edington:

By letter dated May 9, 2000, and affidavit dated April 19, 2000, executed by George B. Stramback, Project Manager, Regulatory Services, General Electric Company (GE), provided as part of Enclosure 5 of your May 9, 2000, letter, you submitted GE Topical Report, NEDC-32778P, Supplement 1, "Safety Analysis Report for River Bend 5% Power Uprate, Supplement 1, Changes for a Flow Increase Only Power Uprate," dated April 2000, and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A nonproprietary version of the topical report was not submitted in that it was requested that the topical report be withheld in its entirety.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure in that the topical report involves:

- (a) Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by General Electric's competitors without license from General Electric constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies; [and]
- (b) Information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary, commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future, such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). You should also understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future if, for example, the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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