

July 19, 2000

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE, PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 2
(TAC NO. MA9267).

Dear Mr. Watford:

By application dated June 14, 2000, PECO Energy Company requested an amendment for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS), Unit 2, operating license, proposing a revision to the Technical Specifications to provide a new Safety Limit Minimum Critical Power Ratio (SLMCPR). That request included a Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, L.L.C. (GNF-A) letter from John A. Baumgartner, GNF-A, to K. W. Hunt, PECO Nuclear, "Peach Bottom 2 Cycle 14 Safety Limit MCPR," dated May 22, 2000. That letter included your affidavit dated May 23, 2000, requesting that the document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A nonproprietary version has been placed in the NRC public document room and was added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems Publically Available Records System (ADAMS PARS) Library.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (1) Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by GNF-A's competitors without license from GNF-A constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies; and
- (2) 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.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-1483.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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