

August 7, 2000

Mr. H. Donald Curet
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Siemens Power Corporation (SPC)
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
RE: OVERHEAD SLIDES FOR THE APRIL 19, 2000, MEETING WITH
ENTERGY OPERATIONS, INC. (EOI), TRANSITION TO SIEMENS POWER
CORPORATION (SPC) NUCLEAR FUEL

Dear Mr. Curet:

By your affidavit dated April 13, 2000, you submitted copies of overhead slides that were presented during the closed portion of the April 19, 2000, public meeting with EOI and Grand Gulf Nuclear Station personnel regarding Operating Cycle 12 Fuel Reload Analysis, and requested that they be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the NRC public document room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems Publicly 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:

- (i) The information reveals details of SPC's research and development plans and program, or their results.
- (ii) Use of the information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or resources, to design, produce, or market a similar product or service.
- (iii) The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for SPC.
- (iv) The information reveals certain distinguishing aspects of a process, methodology, or component, the exclusive use of which provides a competitive advantage for SPC in product optimization or marketability.
- (v) The information is vital to a competitive advantage held by SPC, would be helpful to competitors to SPC, and would likely cause substantial harm to the competitive position of SPC.

We have reviewed your affidavit 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(s) 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 NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-2623.

Sincerely,

/RA/

S. Patrick Sekerak, Project Manager, Section 1
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