

November 6, 2000

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SUBJECT: POINT BEACH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - REQUEST
FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(TAC NOS. MA7805, MA7806, MA7834, MA7835, MA7836, AND MA7837)

Dear Mr. Sepp:

By your applications dated January 26, 2000 (CAW-00-1377, CAW-00-1378, and CAW-00-1379), as supplemented October 6, 2000, and affidavits dated January 31, 2000, you submitted the following three reports and requested that they be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790: (1) WCAP-15065, "Technical Justification for Eliminating Pressurizer Surge Line Rupture as the Structural Design Basis for Point Beach Units 1 and 2 Nuclear Plants," dated August 1998; (2) WCAP-15105, "Technical Justification for Eliminating Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Lines Rupture as the Structural Design Basis for Point Beach Units 1 and 2 Nuclear Plants," dated October 1998; and (3) WCAP-15107, "Technical Justification for Eliminating Accumulator Lines Rupture as the Structural Design Basis for Point Beach Units 1 and 2 Nuclear Plants," dated October 1998. Nonproprietary copies of these documents have 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.

In the October 6, 2000, supplemental letter, you submitted revised pages for WCAP-15065, WCAP-15105, and WCAP-15107 for use by the staff in performing its review. It is the staff's understanding that once our review is complete and the relevant safety evaluations are issued, you will submit updated versions of each of these reports that will incorporate the revised pages submitted with the October 6, 2000, supplement.

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

1. The information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
2. The information, 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.

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3. The information reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer-funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.

We have reviewed your applications and the materials 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 versions 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 301-415-1355.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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