

November 16, 2000

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (TAC NO. MB0199)

Dear Mr. Sepp:

By letter dated October 4, 2000, Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) submitted a license amendment application to support replacing the steam generators at its Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant. Included in the CP&L submittal was your affidavit, CAW-00-1415, dated August 31, 2000, requesting that the document entitled "Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Steam Generator Replacement/Uprate Analysis and Licensing Project, NSSS Licensing Report WCAP-15398," (Enclosure 8 of CP&L's application) be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A nonproprietary version of this document, WCAP-15399 (Enclosure 9 of CP&L's application) has been placed in the NRC public document room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System 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:

- a. 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.
- b. It consists of supporting data, including test data, relative to a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.), the application of which data secures a competitive economic advantage, e.g., by optimization or improved marketability.
- c. Its use 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 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 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 301-415-1373.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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