

December 27, 2000

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SUBJECT: BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - REQUEST FOR
WITHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NOS.
MB0725 AND MB0726)

Dear Mr. Stramback:

By letter dated December 7, 2000, Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) submitted a change to an annual report summarizing the effect of changes and errors in the limiting loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) evaluation model for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2. Included with CP&L's letter was your affidavit dated November 9, 2000, requesting that the additional information also included with the letter entitled, "Brunswick Units 1 and 2, SAFER/GESTR-LOCA, Loss-of-Coolant Accident Analysis, Application to GE13 Fuel" be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. This is the response to that request.

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

- (3). The information is confidential commercial information and contains trade secrets; and
- (4)a. The information 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
- (4)b. 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; and
- (5). The information has been held in confidence; and
- (8). The information contains detailed results of analytical models, methods and processes, including computer codes, which GE has developed.

We have reviewed your submittal 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 trade secrets or proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, we have determined that the document entitled, "Brunswick Units 1 and 2, SAFER/GESTR-LOCA, Loss-of-Coolant Accident Analysis, Application to GE13 Fuel," 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 document. If 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 should also understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of the Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC needs additional information from you or 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, please contact me at 301-415-3191.

Sincerely,

/RA by R. Hernan for D. Ashley/

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