

January 31, 2001

Mr. James F. Mallay
Director, Nuclear Affairs
Siemens Power Corporation
2101 Horn Rapids Road
Richland, WA 99352

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE -
SIEMENS POWER CORPORATION (SPC) (TAC NO. MB0574)

Dear Mr. Mallay:

By your letter dated January 12, 2001, and affidavit dated January 11, 2001, executed by Jerald S. Holm, you submitted a copy of the vugraphs "EXEM BWR-2000 LOCA Methodology," that were presented at the January 16, 2001, meeting with the NRC. Your letter requested that the viewgraphs be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A nonproprietary version of the vugraphs 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:

- (a) The information reveals details of SPC's research and development plans and programs or their results.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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 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 vugraphs entitled, "EXEM BWR-2000 LOCA Methodology," 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 301-415-1480.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Nageswaran Kalyanam, Project Manager, Section 1
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