

July 12, 2001

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
(SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2)

Dear Mr. Byram:

By your application dated June 26, 2001, and affidavit dated June 26, 2001, you submitted supplemental information supporting your request for a 1.4 percent power uprate and requested that the supplemental information 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:

1. The attachment contains confidential commercial information.
2. The information has been held in confidence by PPL Susquehanna, LLC (PPL).
3. The attachment contains commercially sensitive information which requires protection in connection with PPL's commercial position in the competitive electric utility industry.
4. The information is customarily held in confidence by PPL in order to protect its competitive position in the marketplace. It is not available from public sources and could not be gathered readily from other publicly available information.
5. Public disclosure would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of PPL. The information is valuable to PPL. A significant amount of effort and money was expended to develop the information and it cannot be easily acquired or duplicated by others.

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.

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Therefore, the attachment to your June 26, 2001, supplemental letter, 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 301-415-1312.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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