

August 22, 2001

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Dear Mr. Richardson:

By letter dated July 19, 2001, and affidavit dated July 17, 2001, executed by you, the Combustion Engineering Owners Group (CEOG) submitted Topical Report WCAP-15691, Rev. 00, "Joint Applications Report for Containment Integrated Leak Rate Test Interval Extension," July 2001, and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790. A non-proprietary version of the topical report (WCAP-15715, Rev. 00, July 2001), was provided for placement in the NRC public document room and addition 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. A similar product is manufactured and sold by major competitors of Westinghouse.
- b. Development of this information by Westinghouse required tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of manhours of effort. In order to acquire equivalent information, a competitor would need to invest considerable time, expense and inconvenience to develop, verify and secure regulatory approval of the subject methodology.
- c. The information consists of methodology and evaluation results, the application of which provides Westinghouse a competitive economic advantage. The availability of such information to competitors would enable them to design their product to better compete with Westinghouse, take marketing or other actions to improve their product's position or impair the position of Westinghouse's product, and avoid developing similar technical analysis in support of their processes, methods or apparatus.

- d. In pricing Westinghouse's products and services, significant research, development, engineering, analytical, manufacturing, licensing, quality assurance and other costs and expenses must be included. The ability of Westinghouse's competitors to utilize such information without similar expenditure of resources may enable them to sell at prices reflecting significantly lower costs.
- e. Use of the information by competitors in the international marketplace would increase their ability to market services by reducing the costs associated with their technology development. In addition, disclosure would have an adverse economic impact on Westinghouse's potential for obtaining or maintaining foreign licenses.

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 trade secrets or proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, we have determined that Topical Report WCAP-15691, Rev. 00, "Joint Applications Report for Containment Integrated Leak Rate Test Interval Extension," 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.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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