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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION - (TAC NO. MB3154)

Dear Mr. Balduzzi:

By your application dated October 5, 2001, and affidavit dated October 5, 2001, executed by Mr. Michael R. Kansler you submitted a license transfer request, "Transfer of Facility Operating License and Proposed License Amendments," and requested that Enclosures 1, 5, 7, 8, and 9 be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.790. A nonproprietary (redacted) copy of this document has been placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) 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. This information is and has been held in confidence by Entergy Nuclear VY [Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC] and ENO [Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.].
- b. This information is of a type that is held in confidence by Entergy Nuclear VY and ENO and there is a rational basis for doing so because the information contains sensitive financial information concerning Entergy Nuclear VY and ENO's projected revenues and operating expenses.
- c. This information is being transmitted to the NRC in confidence.
- d. This information is not available in public sources and could not be gathered readily from other publicly available information.
- e. Public disclosure of this information would create substantial harm to the competitive position of Entergy Nuclear VY and ENO by disclosing Entergy Nuclear VY and ENO's internal financial projections and the commercial terms of a unique transaction to other parties whose commercial interests may be adverse to those of Entergy Nuclear VY and ENO.

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 301-415-3016.

Sincerely,

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