December 26, 2001

Mr. John S. Galembush Supervisory Engineer, Regulatory and Licensing Engineering Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC P.O. Box 355 Pittsburgh, PA 15230-0355

## SUBJECT: BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1 - REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NO. MB2301)

Dear Mr. Galembush:

By letter dated December 1, 2001, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) submitted supplemental information in support of its license amendment request dated June 29, 2001. This license amendment request proposed changes to the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1, technical specification heatup and cooldown curves and the overpressure protection system setpoints. By your application and affidavit dated November 20, 2001 (CAW-01-1497), you submitted information in support of FENOC's letter and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Section 2.790 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulation* (10 CFR). A nonproprietary copy of this document was submitted and 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 information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Westinghouse's competitors without license from Westinghouse constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- 2. Its use 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 a similar product.

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.

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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 301-415-3053 or ljb@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence J. Burkhart, Project Manager, Section 1 Project Directorate I Division of Licensing Project Management Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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