

July 11, 2002

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
- ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MB4524 AND  
MB4525)

Dear Mr. Sepp:

By letter dated June 17, 2002 (0CAN060202), and affidavit dated June 6, 2002, executed by you, Sherri R. Cotton, Director, Nuclear Safety Assurance, Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee) submitted Wesdyne Report WDI-TJ-007-02-P, "Demonstration of Volumetric Ultrasonic Inspection of CRDM [Control Rod Drive Mechanism] Nozzles Using the Open Housing Scanner for ANO-2 [Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2]," and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.790. A nonproprietary copy of this document was also submitted by the licensee under a separate cover letter dated June 17, 2002 (0CAN060201), and it has been placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room.

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- (a) The use of such information by Westinghouse [Electric Company LLC] gives Westinghouse a competitive advantage over its competitors. It is, therefore, withheld from disclosure to protect the Westinghouse competitive position.
- (c) Use by our competitor would put Westinghouse at a competitive disadvantage by reducing his expenditure of resources at our expense.
- (e) Unrestricted disclosure would jeopardize the position of prominence of Westinghouse in the world market, and thereby give a market advantage to the competition of those countries.

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 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 301-415-1326.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Thomas W. Alexion, Project Manager, Section 1  
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Division of Licensing Project Management  
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