

October 7, 2002

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
GRAND GULF NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. MB3972)

Dear Mr. Stramback:

By letter dated October 2, 2002, Entergy Operations, Inc., submitted an affidavit dated October 1, 2002, executed by George B. Stramback, and General Electric Company (GE or General Electric) Report NEDC-33048P, Revision 2, "Safety Analysis Report for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Thermal Power Optimization," dated October 2002, and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.790.¹ A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Publicly Available Records System (PARS) Library.

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

- a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by General Electric's competitors without license from General Electric constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies;
- b. Information which, if used 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 of 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.

¹ NEDC-33048P, Revision 0, was submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on January 31, 2002, along with an application and affidavit from GE, requesting that the report be withheld from public disclosure. By letter dated August 26, 2002, the NRC rejected the GE application to withhold NEDC-33048P, Revision 0, from public disclosure. By letter dated September 24, 2002, from GE to the NRC, GE requested that NEDC-33048P, Revision 0, be withdrawn. Likewise, NEDC-33048P, Revision 1, submitted by letter dated September 16, 2002, was superseded by submittal of NEDC-33048P, Revision 2, on October 2, 2002.

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 301-415-1439.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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