

January 16, 2003

Mr. George B. Stramback
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SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR BRUNSWICK STEAM
ELECTRIC PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MB6692 AND MB6693)

Dear Mr. Stramback:

By letter dated November 12, 2002, Carolina Power & Light Company submitted an affidavit signed by you dated November 6, 2002, in which you requested that the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.790:

"Safety Analysis Report for Brunswick Steam Electric Plant Units 1 and 2 Maximum Extended Load Line Limit Analysis Plus," NEDC-33063P, Class III, dated November 2002.

A nonproprietary 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 System Public Electronic Reading Room.

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

1. It is 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;
2. It is information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce the competitor's expenditure of resources or improve the competitor's competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product;
3. It is information which discloses patentable subject matter for which it may be desirable to obtain patent protection. General Electric has filed a patent application which is pending in the US Patent Office and has not been published yet.

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(s) 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.

Therefore, NEDC-33036P, "Safety Analysis Report for Brunswick Steam Electric Plant Units 1 and 2 Maximum Extended Load Line Limit Analysis Plus," 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 301-415-1419.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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