

May 29, 2003

Mr. Hank A. Sepp
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
(AW-03-1615), REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL REACTOR INNOVATIVE
AND SECURE (IRIS) PLANT DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT

Dear Mr. Sepp:

By application dated April 16, 2003 (AW-03-1615), and associated affidavit dated March 28, 2003, executed by Mr. Ian Rickard of Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse), Mr. Charles Kling of Westinghouse submitted proprietary and nonproprietary versions of WCAP-16062 entitled, "IRIS Plant Description Document." Mr. Kling requested that portions of this document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.790. The nonproprietary version 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) 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 advantage over other companies, and
- (2) use of the information 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.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the document. If the need arises, we may send copies of this

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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 should also 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 or comments concerning this matter, I may be reached at (301) 415-1186, or lcf@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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