

May 13, 2003

Mr. Gary Pavis  
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SUBJECT: COMBUSTION ENGINEERING OWNERS GROUP - REQUEST FOR  
WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Dear Mr. Pavis:

By letter dated November 11, 2002, the Combustion Engineering Owners Group (CEOG) submitted an affidavit dated November 11, 2002, executed by Ian C. Rickard, requesting that the following documents be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.790:

WCAP-15973-P, Rev. 0, "Low-Alloy Steel Component Corrosion Analysis  
Supporting Small-Diameter Alloy 600/690 Nozzle Repair/Replacement  
Programs"

Calculation CN-CI-02-71, "Summary of Fatigue Crack Growth Evaluation  
Associated with Small Diameter Nozzles in CEOG Plants"

A nonproprietary copy of the topical report and the calculation 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. A similar product or service is provided by major competitors of Westinghouse [WEC].
- b. WEC has invested substantial funds and engineering resources in the development of this information. A competitor would have to undergo similar expense in generating equivalent information.
- c. The information consists of an evaluation of corrosion and fatigue crack growth associated with repair/replacement of small diameter Alloy 600 nozzles, the application of which provides Westinghouse a competitive economic advantage. The availability of such information to competitors would enable them to design their product or service to better compete with WEC, take marketing or other actions to improve their product's position or impair the position of WEC's product, and avoid developing

similar technical analysis in support of their processes, methods or apparatus.

- d. Significant research, development, engineering, analytical, manufacturing, licensing, quality assurance and other costs and expenses must be included in pricing WEC's products and services. The ability of WEC's competitors to utilize such information without similar expenditure of resources may enable them to sell at prices reflecting significantly lower costs.
- e. Use of the information by competitors in the international marketplace would increase their ability to market comparable products or services by reducing the costs associated with their technology development. In addition, disclosure would have an adverse economic impact on WEC's potential for obtaining or maintaining foreign licenses.

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, we have determined that WCAP-15973-P, Rev. 0, "Low-Alloy Steel Component Corrosion Analysis Supporting Small-Diameter Alloy 600/690 Nozzle Repair/Replacement Programs" and Calculation CN-CI-02-71, "Summary of Fatigue Crack Growth Evaluation Associated with Small Diameter Nozzles in CEOP Plants," 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.

G. Pavis

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at (301) 415-1436.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

Drew Holland, Project Manager, Section 2  
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