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SUBJECT: AP1000 - REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC  
DISCLOSURE (AW-03-1670)

Dear Mr. Sepp:

By application made by Mr. Michael M. Corletti, and affidavit executed by Mr. James W. Winters, both dated July 14, 2003, Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse) requested that portions of the transmitted test summary reports related to the Oregon State University APEX-1000 Test Program, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.790. A nonproprietary copy of the proprietary material is available by contacting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and has been added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room (ADAMS Accession No. ML032130326).

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

- (a) 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 economic advantage over other companies;
- (b) the information consists of supporting data, including test data, relative to a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.), the application of which data secures a competitive economic advantage, e.g., by optimization or improved marketability; and
- (c) 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.

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Please contact one of the following members of the AP1000 project management team if you have any questions or comments concerning this matter: Mr. John Segala (Lead Project Manager) at (301) 415-1858, [jps1@nrc.gov](mailto:jps1@nrc.gov); Mr. Joseph Colaccino at (301) 415-2753, [jxc1@nrc.gov](mailto:jxc1@nrc.gov); or Ms. Joelle Starefos at (301) 415-8488, [jls1@nrc.gov](mailto:jls1@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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