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Attention: Chief, Information Management Branch
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Subject: **Response to Request for Additional Information (RAI) numbers (187, 190, 191, 195, 202, 220, 225, 231, 232, 272, 296, 297, 327, 334-338, 345, 347, 349-359, 371-376, 378, and 379) for ESBWR Pre-application Review.**

GE Nuclear Energy is submitting, in enclosures 1 and 2, responses to Requests for Additional Information (RAI) numbers 187, 190, 191, 195, 202, 220, 225, 231, 232, 272, 296, 297, 327, 334-338, 345, 347, 349-359, 371-376, 378, and 379 included in the Referenced letters.

Enclosure 1 contains proprietary information as defined by 10CFR2.790. GE customarily maintains this information in confidence and withholds it from public disclosure. A non-proprietary version of the response to the NRC's request is provided in Enclosure 2.

The affidavit contained in Enclosure 3 identifies that the information contained in Enclosure 1 has been handled and classified as proprietary to GE. GE hereby requests that the information of Enclosure 1 be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.790 and 9.17.

If you have any questions about the information provided here, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Atambir S. Rao

Reference:

1. MFN 03-053, Letter From Amy E. Cabbage (NRC) To Atam S. Rao (GE), July 17, 2003, SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LETTER NO. 5 RELATED TO ESBWR PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW (TAC NOS. MB6279, MB6281, AND MB7255)
2. MFN 03-065, Letter From Amy E. Cabbage (NRC) To Atam S. Rao (GE), July 17, 2003, SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LETTER NO. 7 RELATED TO ESBWR PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW (TAC NO. MB6801)
3. MFN 03-066, Letter From Amy E. Cabbage (NRC) To Atam S. Rao (GE), July 17, 2003, SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LETTER NO. 8 RELATED TO ESBWR PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW (TAC NOS. MB6280 AND MB6281)

Enclosures:

1. MFN 03-064 Responses to RAI numbers (187, 190, 191, 195, 202, 220, 225, 231, 232, 272, 296, 297, 327, 334–338, 345, 347, 349-359, 371-376, 378, and 379) - Proprietary Information
2. MFN 03-064 Responses to RAI numbers (187, 190, 191, 195, 202, 220, 225, 231, 232, 272, 296, 297, 327, 334–338, 345, 347, 349-359, 371-376, 378, and 379) - Non-proprietary Information
3. Affidavit, George B. Stramback, dated August 8, 2003

cc: A. Cabbage USNRC (with enclosure)
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G.B. Stramback GE (with enclosure)