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APPLICATION FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY  
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Subject: WCAP-15830-P, "Staggered Integrated ESF Testing" (Proprietary)

The proprietary information for which withholding is being requested in the subject report is further identified in Affidavit AW-03-1627A signed by Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, the owner of the proprietary information. The affidavit accompanying this letter sets forth the basis on which the information may be withheld from public disclosure by the Commission and addresses the considerations listed in paragraph (b)(4) of 10 CFR Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations.

Correspondence with respect to the proprietary aspects of the application for withholding or the Westinghouse affidavit should reference this letter, AW-03-1627A, and should be addressed to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Ian C. Rickard  
Licensing Project Manager  
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Enclosure

cc: D. G. Holland / NRR

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- (1) I, Ian C. Rickard, depose and say that I am the Licensing Project Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing, in Nuclear Services, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC ("Westinghouse"), and as such I have been specifically delegated the function of reviewing the proprietary information sought to be withheld from public disclosure in connection with nuclear power plant licensing and rule making proceedings, and am authorized to apply for its withholding on behalf of the Westinghouse Electric Company LLC.
- (2) I am making this Affidavit in conformance with the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations and in conjunction with the Westinghouse application for withholding accompanying this Affidavit.
- ~~(3) The proprietary information sought to be withheld in this submittal is that which is appropriately marked in WCAP-15830-P, "Staggered Integrated ESF Testing" (proprietary), dated March 2003.~~
- (4) I have personal knowledge of the criteria and procedures utilized by the Westinghouse Electric Company LLC in designating information as a trade secret, privileged or as confidential commercial or financial information.
- (5) Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(4) of Section 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, the following is furnished for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure should be withheld.
  - (i) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse.
  - (ii) The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Westinghouse and not customarily disclosed to the public.
  - (iii) The information sought to be protected is not available in public sources or available information has not been previously employed in the same original manner or method to ~~the best of our knowledge and belief.~~

Public disclosure of this proprietary information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of Westinghouse because it would enhance the ability of competitors to provide similar advanced nuclear power plant designs and to provide licensing defense services for commercial power reactors without commensurate expenses. Also, public disclosure of the information would enable others to use the information to meet NRC requirements for licensing documentation without purchasing the right to use the information.

Further the deponent sayeth not.