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October 14, 2003

SUBJECT: GE NUCLEAR ENERGY REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION
FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NO. MB6157)

Dear Mr. Stramback:

By letter dated August 14, 2003, GE Nuclear Energy (GENE) submitted an affidavit dated August 14, 2003, executed by you, requesting that the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.790:

NEDC-33006P, Revision 1, "Maximum Extended Load Line Limit Analysis Plus"

A nonproprietary copy of this document was provided for placement in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and for addition to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room.

The August 14, 2003, letter submitted a reissued version of the August 23, 2002, submittal of Licensing Topical Report NEDC-33006P, Revision 1, "General Electric Boiling Water Reactor Maximum Extended Load Line Limit Analysis Plus," with revised proprietary markings.

Also, by letter dated August 21, 2003, and affidavit dated August 21, 2003, executed by David J. Robare, GENE submitted additional input data as requested by the NRC staff in a telephone conversation on August 13, 2003, and requested that the information contained in "Response to NRC RAI – ATWS and Containment Data, Additional Input," be withheld from public disclosure. A nonproprietary copy of this document was provided for placement in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room and for addition to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Public Electronic Reading Room.

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

- a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by General Electric's competitors without license from General Electric constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies;
- b. Information which, if used 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 of 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, Licensing Topical Report NEDC-33006P, Revision 1, "Maximum Extended Load Line Limit Analysis Plus" and "Response to NRC RAI – ATWS and Containment Data, Additional Input," 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at (301) 415-1445.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Alan Wang, Project Manager, Section 2
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Therefore, Licensing Topical Report NEDE-32906P, Supplement 1, Revision 0, "TRACG Application for Anticipated Transient Without Scram Overpressure Transient Analyses," 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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