

August 2, 2005

Mr. Vince Bilovsky
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SUBJECT: HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL - REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION
FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR RIVER BEND STATION, UNIT 1
(TAC NO. MC6327)

Dear Mr. Bilovsky:

By letter dated July 12, 2005, Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee) submitted an affidavit dated May 5, 2005, executed by you, requesting that the information contained in the following computer files and reports be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.390:

- (1) Holtec Report HI-2022956 Revision 1
- (2) Holtec Report HI-2043278 Revision 2
- (3) Holtec Report HI-2043276 Revision 0
- (4) Computer files associated with (2) and (3)

A nonproprietary copy of the reports will be 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:

4. a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by Holtec's competitors without license from Holtec International 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 2.390 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 information contained in the reports and computer files entitled, "(1) Holtec Report HI-2022956 Revision 1; (2) Holtec Report HI-2043278 Revision 2; (3) Holtec Report HI-2043276 Revision 0; (4) Computer files associated with (2) and (3)," marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(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 301-415-1480.

Sincerely,

/RA/

N. Kalyanam, Project Manager, Section 1
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