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Subject: Response to NRC Request for Additional Information on WCAP-10266-P-A, Revision 2, Addendum 3, "Incorporation of the LOCBART Transient Extension Method into the 1981 Westinghouse Large Break LOCA Evaluation Model with BASH (BASH-EM)" (Proprietary/Non-Proprietary)

Enclosed are copies of the proprietary and non-proprietary versions of "Response to NRC Request for Additional Information on WCAP-10266-P-A, Revision 2, Addendum 3, 'Incorporation of the LOCBART Transient Extension Method into the 1981 Westinghouse Large Break LOCA Evaluation Model with BASH (BASH-EM)'. Also enclosed are:

One (1) copy of the Application for Withholding, AW-05-2035 (Non-Proprietary) with Proprietary Information Notice.

One (1) copy of Affidavit (Non-Proprietary).

This submittal contains proprietary information of Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC. In conformance with the requirements of 10 CFR Section 2.390, as amended, of the Commission's regulations, we are enclosing with this submittal an Application for Withholding from Public Disclosure and an affidavit. The affidavit sets forth the basis on which the information identified as proprietary may be withheld from public disclosure by the Commission.

Correspondence with respect to the affidavit or Application for Withholding should reference AW-05-2035 and should be addressed to J. A. Gresham, Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, P.O. Box 355, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230-0355.

Very truly yours,

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**APPLICATION FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

Subject: LTR-NRC-05-45 P-Attachment, "Responses to NRC Request for Additional Information on WCAP-10266-P-A, Revision 2, Addendum 3, 'Incorporation of the LOCBART Transient Extension Method into the 1981 Westinghouse Large Break LOCA Evaluation Model with BASH (BASH-EM)'," (Proprietary)

Reference: Letter from J. A. Gresham to U. S. NRC Document Control Desk, LTR-NRC-05-45, dated August 11, 2005.

The Application for Withholding is submitted by Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (b)(1) of Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations. It contains commercial strategic information proprietary to Westinghouse and customarily held in confidence.

The proprietary material for which withholding is being requested is identified in the proprietary version of the subject report. In conformance with 10 CFR Section 2.390, Affidavit AW-05-2035 accompanies this Application for Withholding, setting forth the basis on which the identified proprietary information may be withheld from public disclosure.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the subject information which is proprietary to Westinghouse be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations.

Correspondence with respect to this Application for Withholding or the accompanying affidavit should reference AW-05-2035 and should be addressed to J. A. Gresham, Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, P.O. Box 355, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230-0355.

Very truly yours,

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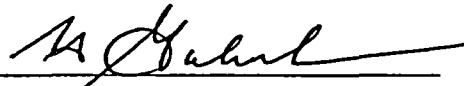
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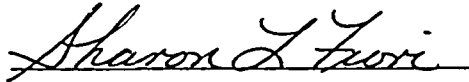
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY:

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared J. S. Galembush, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), and that the averments of fact set forth in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief:

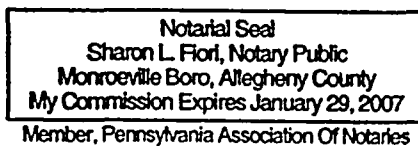


J. S. Galembush, Customer 1st Leader

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 11th day
of August, 2005



Notary Public



- (1) I am Customer 1st Leader 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 Westinghouse.
- (2) I am making this Affidavit in conformance with the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations and in conjunction with the Westinghouse "Application for Withholding" accompanying this Affidavit.
- (3) I have personal knowledge of the criteria and procedures utilized by Westinghouse in designating information as a trade secret, privileged or as confidential commercial or financial information.
- (4) Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(4) of Section 2.390 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. Westinghouse has a rational basis for determining the types of information customarily held in confidence by it and, in that connection, utilizes a system to determine when and whether to hold certain types of information in confidence. The application of that system and the substance of that system constitutes Westinghouse policy and provides the rational basis required.

Under that system, information is held in confidence if it falls in one or more of several types, the release of which might result in the loss of an existing or potential competitive advantage, as follows:

- (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) It 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.
- (c) Its use 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.
- (d) It reveals cost or price information, production capacities, budget levels, or commercial strategies of Westinghouse, its customers or suppliers.
- (e) It reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.
- (f) It contains patentable ideas, for which patent protection may be desirable.
- (g) The information is not the property of Westinghouse, but must be treated as proprietary by Westinghouse according to agreements with the owner.

There are sound policy reasons behind the Westinghouse system which include the following:

- (a) The use of such information by Westinghouse gives Westinghouse a competitive advantage over its competitors. It is, therefore, withheld from disclosure to protect the Westinghouse competitive position.
- (b) It is information that is marketable in many ways. The extent to which such information is available to competitors diminishes the Westinghouse ability to sell products and services involving the use of the information.
- (c) Use by our competitor would put Westinghouse at a competitive disadvantage by reducing his expenditure of resources at our expense.

- (d) Each component of proprietary information pertinent to a particular competitive advantage is potentially as valuable as the total competitive advantage. If competitors acquire components of proprietary information, any one component may be the key to the entire puzzle, thereby depriving Westinghouse of a competitive advantage.
 - (e) Unrestricted disclosure would jeopardize the position of prominence of Westinghouse in the world market, and thereby give a market advantage to the competition of those countries.
 - (f) The Westinghouse capacity to invest corporate assets in research and development depends upon the success in obtaining and maintaining a competitive advantage.
 - (g) Unrestricted disclosure would violate a proprietary agreement between Westinghouse and the owner of the information.
- (iii) The information is being transmitted to the Commission in confidence and, under the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.390, it is to be received in confidence by the Commission.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) The proprietary information sought to be withheld in this submittal is that which is appropriately marked in LTR-NRC-05-45 P-Attachment, "Responses to NRC Request for Additional Information on WCAP-10266-P-A, Revision 2, Addendum 3, 'Incorporation of the LOCBART Transient Extension Method into the 1981 Westinghouse Large Break LOCA Evaluation Model with BASH (BASH-EM)'," (Proprietary), for submittal to the Commission, being transmitted by Westinghouse letter (LTR-NRC-05-45) and Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure, to the Document Control Desk. The proprietary information as submitted by Westinghouse is that associated with Westinghouse's request for NRC approval of WCAP-10266-P-A, Revision 2, Addendum 3, "Incorporation of the LOCBART Transient Extension Method into the 1981 Westinghouse Large Break LOCA Evaluation Model with BASH (BASH-EM)."

This information is part of that which will enable Westinghouse to:

- (a) Obtain NRC approval of WCAP-10266-P-A, Revision 2, Addendum 3, "Incorporation of the LOCBART Transient Extension Method into the 1981 Westinghouse Large Break LOCA Evaluation Model with BASH (BASH-EM)."

Further this information has substantial commercial value as follows:

- (a) Westinghouse plans to sell the use of this information to its customers for purposes of meeting NRC requirements for licensing documentation.
- (b) Westinghouse can sell support and defense of large break LOCA analysis predictions including the LOCBART Transient Extension Method.
- (c) The information requested to be withheld reveals the distinguishing aspects of a methodology which was developed by Westinghouse.

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 calculations and 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.

The development of the technology described in part by the information is the result of applying the results of several months of development effort and the expenditure of a considerable sum of money.

In order for competitors of Westinghouse to duplicate this information, similar technical programs would have to be performed and a significant manpower effort, having the requisite talent and experience, would have to be expended.

Further the deponent sayeth not.

Proprietary Information Notice

Transmitted herewith are proprietary and/or non-proprietary versions of documents furnished to the NRC in connection with requests for generic and/or plant-specific review and approval.

In order to conform to the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 of the Commission's regulations concerning the protection of proprietary information so submitted to the NRC, the information which is proprietary in the proprietary versions is contained within brackets, and where the proprietary information has been deleted in the non-proprietary versions, only the brackets remain (the information that was contained within the brackets in the proprietary versions having been deleted). The justification for claiming the information so designated as proprietary is indicated in both versions by means of lower case letters (a) through (g) located as a superscript immediately following the brackets enclosing each item of information being identified as proprietary or in the margin opposite such information. These lower case letters refer to the types of information Westinghouse customarily holds in confidence identified in Sections (4)(ii)(a) through (4)(ii)(g) of the affidavit accompanying this transmittal pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1).

Copyright Notice

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LTR-NRC-05-45 NP-Attachment

TAC No. MB7485

**Response to NRC Request for Additional Information
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“Incorporation of the LOCBART Transient Extension
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Purpose

To respond to a verbal request for additional information (RAI) from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding the LOCBART Transient Extension Method (Reference 1).

Evaluation

Figure 5 of the presentation from the January 25th meeting entitled "Additional Comparisons Between BASH-EM and BELOCA" (Reference 2) demonstrates the significant conservatism of BASH-EM relative to the Code Qualification Document (CQD) Best Estimate LOCA (BELOCA) methodology (Reference 3) for a sample 4-loop Westinghouse PWR with an ice condenser containment. Subsequently, the BASH-EM and BELOCA simulations reported in Reference 2 have been extended []^{a,c}, in response to an NRC request to demonstrate the continued conservatism of BASH-EM later in the reflood phase of the transient. Figure 1 compares the hot rod peak cladding temperatures (PCTs) predicted by LOCBART to the hot rod PCT predicted by WCOBRA/TRAC and the corresponding estimates of the BELOCA 50th and 95th percentile PCTs. As shown in Figure 1, the hot rod PCT predicted by BASH-EM remains significantly conservative relative to BELOCA for the remainder of the simulation period. The increased cladding temperatures predicted by BASH-EM lead to a significant delay in the occurrence of hot assembly quench, from about []^{a,c} in the WCOBRA/TRAC simulation to over []^{a,c} in the BASH-EM simulations.

A comment was made identifying 1600 seconds as the period of interest for short-term large break LOCA simulations. The BASH-EM was designed to analyze []^{a,c}

[]^{a,c}

A question was raised regarding convergence out to core quench for plants using the LOCBART Transient Extension Method. LOCBART solution convergence is discussed in Section 5.5 of Reference 1 and is based primarily on the axial node spacing and the time step size selection. As part of the present effort, the case with a fourth-line-segment flooding rate of []^{a,c} from Figure 1 was rerun with the maximum time step size during reflood (denoted as Δt_{MAX} or DTMAX here) reduced from the default value of []^{a,c} to []^{a,c}. Figures 2 to 4 compare the hot rod PCT, the hot rod cladding temperature at the PCT elevation, and the maximum local oxidation at the limiting elevation from these four calculations and indicate that reducing the maximum time step size during reflood has a minimal effect on the cladding temperature and oxidation transients for this case. This is consistent with the results reported previously in Figure 5-5 of Reference 1, which illustrates the effect of reducing the maximum time step size during reflood on the hot rod PCT and maximum local oxidation for a different 4-loop ice condenser plant with a shorter simulation period and a prior version of LOCBART. The present study covers the []^{a,c} and confirms that adequate convergence was achieved in the original calculation with the default value of Δt_{MAX} .

A question was raised regarding the assessment of conservatism in BASH-EM for plants using the LOCBART Transient Extension Method. Section 5.6 of Reference 1 demonstrates significant conservatism in BASH-EM relative to BELOCA for a 3-loop Westinghouse PWR with a dry atmospheric containment and a 4-loop Westinghouse PWR with an ice condenser containment. The LOCBART calculations for both plants [

]^{a,c} Attachment 3 of Reference 4 provides 10 CFR 50.46 reporting information for a 3-loop plant with a dry sub-atmospheric containment indicating a reduction in PCT from BASH-EM to an approved best estimate plus uncertainties methodology of 161°F for Unit 1 and 225°F for Unit 2 despite significant increases in the nuclear peaking factors F_Q (from 2.19 to 2.32) and $F_{\Delta H}$ (from 1.55 to 1.65), and elimination of the $K(z)$ restriction on the allowable linear heat rate vs. axial elevation in the upper half of the core (Section 7.2.7 of Attachment 1 to Reference 5). These and other examples demonstrate that BASH-EM is significantly conservative relative to a best estimate plus uncertainties approach, which is consistent with the expected result given the application of Appendix K requirements such as the decay heat model, the metal-water reaction model, and the reactor coolant pump locked rotor assumption, and the conservative treatment of various thermal-hydraulic phenomena such as refill heat transfer, assembly blockage, and spacer grid heat transfer. [

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A question was raised regarding the applicability of the BASH-EM codes and models late in the reflood phase of the transient. [

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References

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Figure 1

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Figure 2

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Figure 3

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Figure 4

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