

September 21, 2006

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SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING  
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR DRESDEN NUCLEAR  
POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3, AND QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR POWER  
STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MC4397 AND MC4398)

Dear Mr. Stramback:

By letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated December 22, 2005, Exelon Generation Company, LLC submitted nine affidavits executed by you on the dates noted below. In the affidavits you requested that the information contained in the following documents be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

Exelon Response to NRC Open Issues Concerning the Quad Cities Units 1 and 2 Replacement Steam Dryers. The corresponding affidavit is dated December 19, 2005.

GENE-0000-0045-9761-01-P, "Quad Cities New Design Steam Dryer, Dryer #1, Dryer #2 and Finite Element Model Outer Hood Frequency Response Functions Extensions to 200 Hz, Revision 3", Revision 1, dated November 2005. The corresponding affidavit is dated November 22, 2005.

GE-NE-0000-0048-1485-01-P, "Damping Value for Steam Dryer Hood Focused on a Single Frequency Regime," dated November 2005. The corresponding affidavit is dated November 26, 2005.

GE-NE-0000-0046-8129-02-P, "LMS Quad Cities New Design Steam Dryer Methodology for Stress Scaling Factors Based on Extrapolation from 2885 MWt to 2957 MWt of Unit #2/Dryer #1 Data, Revision 2", Revision 1, dated December 2005. The corresponding affidavit is dated December 6, 2005.

AM-2005-020, "Quad Cities Replacement Dryer Design Uncertainties and Margins for Units 1 & 2," Revision 0 dated December 19, 2005. The corresponding affidavit is dated December 18, 2005.

GENE-0000-0045-5505-01-P, "Response to NRC Concern on Quad Cities Steam Dryer Startup Criteria," dated October 2005. The corresponding affidavit is dated October 24, 2005.

GENE-0000-0048-8406-01-P, "Review of Failure Modes for Quad Cities Unit 1 Replacement Dryer," dated December 2005. The corresponding affidavit is dated December 17, 2005.

GENE-0000-0046-5358-01-P, "Quad Cities Units 1 and 2 Replacement Steam Dryer Analysis Stress, Dynamic, and Fatigue Supplementary Analyses for EPU Conditions," Revision 1, dated December 2005. The corresponding affidavit is dated December 15, 2005.

Nonproprietary copies of these documents have been placed in the NRC's Public Document Room and added 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:

- (i) The information 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; and
- (ii) The information, 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.

Additionally, you indicated that the information was submitted to the NRC in confidence, has consistently been held in confidence, is of a type customarily held in confidence, is not available in a public source, and qualifies under the narrower definition of trade secret.

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 versions of the submitted information 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

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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 301-415-2277.

Sincerely,

***/RA/***

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