

June 28, 2006

Mr. J. A. Gresham, Manager
Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing
Westinghouse Electric Company LLC
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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY, REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR VOGTLE ELECTRIC
GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. MD1805 AND MD1806)

Dear Mr. Gresham:

By letter dated June 2, 2006, 2006, Westinghouse Electric Company submitted an affidavit also dated June 2, 2006, executed by Mr. J. A. Gresham, requesting that the information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.390:

WCAP-16493-P, Revision 0, "Structural Integrity Evaluation of Reactor Vessel
Upper Head Penetrations to Support Continued Operation: Vogtle Units 1 and 2,"
November 2005 (Proprietary)

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the 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:

- (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.
 - (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 the other companies.
 - (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.

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 in the document entitled, WCAP-16493-P, Revision 0, "Structural Integrity Evaluation of Reactor Vessel Upper Head Penetrations to Support Continued Operation: Vogtle Units 1 and 2," November 2005, 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) 415-1055.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Christopher Gratton, Project Manager
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