

May 29, 2007

Mr. Steve Schilling
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SUBJECT: AP1000 REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE (DCP/NRC1881)

Dear Mr. Schilling:

By letter dated May 11, 2007, Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC (Westinghouse) submitted an affidavit dated April 10, 2007, executed by Mr. Steve Schilling, which requested 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), Part 2, Section 2.390:

WCAP-166767-P, Rev. 0, "Response to Request for Additional Information on Westinghouse AP1000 Combined License (COL) Pre-Application Technical Reports Number 42 and Number 88"

A nonproprietary copy of this document, which was submitted on May 11, 2007, has been 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:

- (a) the information reveals the distinguishing aspects of a process (or component, structure, tool, method, etc.) where prevention of its use by any of Emerson's competitors without license from Emerson constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies; and
- (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 version 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.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at (301) 415-2304.

Sincerely,

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