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SUBJECT: WATTS BAR NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1 - REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING
 INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NO. M94425)

Dear Mr. Liparulo:

By letter dated February 28, 1996, the Tennessee Valley Authority requested an amendment to the Watts Bar Unit 1 Technical Specifications. The submittal includes a Westinghouse affidavit CAW-95-816 dated May 2, 1995, and Westinghouse document WCAP-13877, "Reliability Assessment of Westinghouse Type AR Relays Used As SSPS Slave Relays, WOG Program MUHP-7040." The affidavit, executed on May 2, 1995, by Henry A. Sepp, requested that the material be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations. A non-proprietary version of the document was also submitted (WCAP-14129).

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered withheld from 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 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.

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- e) It contains patentable ideas, for which patent protection may be desirable.

We have reviewed your application based on the requirements and criteria of 10 CFR 2.790, and, on the basis of Westinghouse statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information. Therefore, the version of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding information from public disclosure 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 the 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 should also understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, such as, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. If the NRC determines that the information should be made publicly available as a result of future review, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

Sincerely,
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