

March 25, 2008

Mr. James A. Gresham, Manager  
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SUBJECT: AP1000 REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC  
DISCLOSURE (AW-08-2391)

Dear Mr. Gresham:

By letter dated March 5, 2008, Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC (Westinghouse) submitted an affidavit dated March 5, 2008, executed by Mr. James A. Winters, Westinghouse, 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:

APP-PMS-GLY-003, Rev. 0, "AP1000 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Program Status Presentation - I&C and Human Factors Engineering February 5, 2008 - February 8, 2008 (Proprietary)"

A nonproprietary copy of this document, which was submitted on March 5, 2008, 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:

- (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; and
- (e) It reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.

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.

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 301-415-2304.

Sincerely,

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Michael J. Miernicki, Project Manager  
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