March 27, 2008

Mr. Benjamin C. Waldrep
Vice President
Brunswick Nuclear Plant
Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.

SUBJECT: BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 – REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (TAC NOS. MD4063 AND MD4064)

Dear Mr. Waldrep:

By letter dated October 15, 2007, you submitted an affidavit dated August 30, 2007, executed by Jerald S. Holm, Manager of Product Licensing for AREVA NP, Inc., 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), Part 2, Section 2.390:

AREVA Presentation Slides for Brunswick Fuel Transition License Amendment Request

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) 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:

(b) Use of information by a competitor would permit the competitor to significantly reduce its expenditures, in time or in resources, to design, produce or market a similar product or service.

(c) The information includes test data or analytical techniques concerning a process, methodology, or component, the application of which results in a competitive advantage for AREVA NP.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of the statements in the affidavit, 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 301-415-1447.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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