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SUBJECT: MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES, LTD. – REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR UAP-HF-08302,
TRANSMITTAL OF THE TECHNICAL REPORT MUAP-08014 ENTITLED
“US-APWR HUMAN SYSTEM INTERFACE VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION
(PHASE1A)”.

Dear Mr. Ogata:

By letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated December 17, 2008, you submitted an affidavit dated December 16, 2008, 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:

Transmittal of the Technical Report MUAP-08014 entitled “US-APWR Human System Interface Verification and Validation (Phase1a)”.

A non-proprietary copy of this document has been placed in the NRC's Public Document room and added to the Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room (ML090090385 and ML090090387).

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- A. Loss of competitive advantage due to the costs associated with development of the US-APWR Human Factor Engineering. Providing public access to such information permits competitors to duplicate or mimic the Human Factor Engineering information without incurring the associated costs.
- B. Loss of competitive advantage of the US-APWR created by benefits of enhanced US-APWR Human Factor Engineering development costs associated with the Human System Interface System.

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, Technical Report, MUAP-08014 entitled "US-APWR Human System Interface Verification and Validation (Phase1a)", 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) 415-6988 or via e-mail at Michael.Magee@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Michael S. Magee, Project Manager
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