



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

November 12, 2009

Mr. Dave Baxter
Vice President, Oconee Site
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
7800 Rochester Highway
Seneca, SC 29672

SUBJECT: OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3, REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REGARDING REACTOR PROTECTIVE SYSTEM/ENGINEERED SAFEGUARDS PROTECTIVE SYSTEM DIGITAL UPGRADE (TAC NOS. MD7999, MD8000 AND MD8001)

Dear Mr. Baxter:

By letter dated February 27, 2009, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, submitted an affidavit dated February 25, 2009, executed by Mark J. Burzynski, Manager, Product Licensing, AREVA NP Inc., requesting that the following documents be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, Section 2.390:

- AREVA NP Document 66-9097714-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade DLPIAS FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9098737-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade DHPIAS FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9098774-002, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade Nuclear Instrumentation (NI) FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9097605-001, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade Cyber Security FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9098849-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade RPS SW Functional FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9100133-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade Graphic Service Monitor (GSM) FAT Summary Test Report

- AREVA NP Document 66-9100137-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade RPS/ESFAS HW Failure FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9099526-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade TXS Gateway to OAC FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9100136-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade ESFAS SW Functional FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9100138-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade Supplemental ESFAS HW Failure FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9099856-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade Start Up/Shut Down FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9100134-001, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade Small Break LOCA FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9100135-001, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade One Pump Coastdown FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9100140-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade RPS Response Time FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9100139-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade ESFAS Response Time FAT Summary Test Report
- AREVA NP Document 66-9103504-000, Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 RPS/ESFAS Controls Upgrade Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT) Summary Report

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

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

- (c) The information reveals certain distinguishing aspects of a process, methodology, or component, the exclusive use of which provides a competitive advantage for AREVA NP in product optimization or marketability.

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 affidavits, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

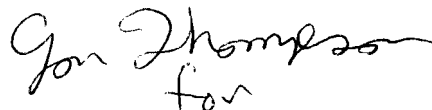
Therefore, the aforementioned documents marked as proprietary, will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (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 301-415-1345.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Stang" with "for" written below it.

John F. Stang, Senior Project Manager
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