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Subject: PWR Owners Group  
**For Information Only – WCAP-16925-P/NP, Rev 1 “Flaw Evaluation of CE Design RCP Suction and Discharge, and Safety Injection Nozzle Dissimilar-Metal Welds”, PA-MSC-0423**

This letter transmits four (4) proprietary and two (2) non-proprietary copies of WCAP-16925-P/NP, Rev 1, “Flaw Evaluation of CE Design RCP Suction and Discharge, and Safety Injection Nozzle Dissimilar-Metal Welds” developed by Westinghouse under PA-MSC-0423. This document is being submitted for information only. As such, no review fee or separate Safety Evaluation (SE) is expected.

On May 19, 2009, representatives from the PWROG and Westinghouse had an information meeting with NRR to discuss the issue of inspection access for the CE and B&W designed reactor coolant pumps. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a preview of the planned PWROG work to document the flaw tolerance of these dissimilar metal weld regions. At the meeting, the previously completed work on the topic was discussed, in the form of a summary of WCAP-16925. A commitment was made by the PWROG to provide the report to the NRC for their information only.

Also enclosed is Westinghouse authorization letter AW-09-2672, accompanying affidavit, Proprietary Information Notice, and Copyright Notice.

WCAP-16925-P, Rev 1 contains information proprietary to Westinghouse Electric Company LLC; it is supported by an affidavit signed by Westinghouse, owner of the information. The affidavit sets forth the basis on which the information may be withheld from public disclosure by the Commission and addresses with specificity the considerations listed in paragraph (b) (4) of Section 2.390 of the Commission’s regulations.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this information which is proprietary to Westinghouse be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations.

Correspondence with respect to the copyright or proprietary aspects of the information listed above or supporting Westinghouse affidavit should reference AW-09-2672 and should be addressed to Mr. J. A. Gresham, Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, P.O. Box 355, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230-0355.

Correspondence related to this transmittal should be addressed to:

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (254) 897-5851, or Mr. Anthony Nowinowski of the Owners Group Program Management Office at (412) 374-6855.

Sincerely yours,



Dennis E. Buschbaum, Chairman  
PWROG Owners Group

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Enclosures:

1. Four (4) proprietary copies of WCAP-16925-P, Rev 1, "Flaw Evaluation of CE Design RCP Suction and Discharge, and Safety Injection Nozzle Dissimilar-Metal Welds".
2. Two (2) non-proprietary copies of WCAP-16925-NP, Rev 1, "Flaw Evaluation of CE Design RCP Suction and Discharge, and Safety Injection Nozzle Dissimilar-Metal Welds".
3. One copy of the Application for Withholding, AW-09-2672 (Non-proprietary) with Proprietary Information Notice and Copyright Notice.
4. One copy of Affidavit (Non-proprietary).

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AW-09-2672

September 18, 2009

**APPLICATION FOR WITHHOLDING PROPRIETARY  
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

**Subject:** WCAP-16925-P, Rev. 1, "Flaw Evaluation of CE Design RCP Suction and Discharge, and Safety Injection Nozzle Dissimilar-Metal Welds" (proprietary)

**Reference:** Letter from J. P. Molkenthin to Document Control Desk, OG-09-358, dated September 18, 2009

The Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure is submitted by Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(1) of Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations. It contains commercial strategic information proprietary to Westinghouse and customarily held in confidence.

The proprietary material for which withholding is being requested is identified in the proprietary version of the subject report. In conformance with 10 CFR Section 2.390, Affidavit AW-09-2672 accompanies this application for withholding, setting forth the basis on which the identified proprietary information may be withheld from public disclosure.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the subject information which is proprietary to Westinghouse be withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations.

Correspondence with respect to this application for withholding or the accompanying affidavit should reference AW-09-2672 and should be addressed to J. A. Gresham, Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, P.O. Box 355, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230-0355.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. A. Gresham".

J. A. Gresham, Manager  
Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing

Enclosures

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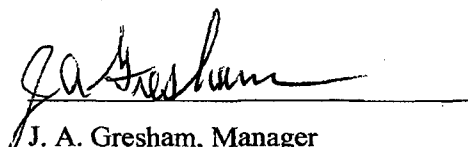
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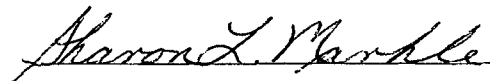
Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared J. A. Gresham, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), and that the averments of fact set forth in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief:



J. A. Gresham, Manager

Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009



Notary Public

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Notarial Seal

Sharon L. Markle, Notary Public  
Monroeville Boro, Allegheny County  
My Commission Expires Jan. 29, 2011

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- (1) I am Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Plant Licensing, in Nuclear Services, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse), and as such, I have been specifically delegated the function of reviewing the proprietary information sought to be withheld from public disclosure in connection with nuclear power plant licensing and rule making proceedings, and am authorized to apply for its withholding on behalf of Westinghouse.
- (2) I am making this Affidavit in conformance with the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations and in conjunction with the Westinghouse "Application for Withholding" accompanying this Affidavit.
- (3) I have personal knowledge of the criteria and procedures utilized by Westinghouse in designating information as a trade secret, privileged or as confidential commercial or financial information.
- (4) Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(4) of Section 2.390 of the Commission's regulations, the following is furnished for consideration by the Commission in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure should be withheld.
  - (i) The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned and has been held in confidence by Westinghouse.
  - (ii) The information is of a type customarily held in confidence by Westinghouse and not customarily disclosed to the public. Westinghouse has a rational basis for determining the types of information customarily held in confidence by it and, in that connection, utilizes a system to determine when and whether to hold certain types of information in confidence. The application of that system and the substance of that system constitutes Westinghouse policy and provides the rational basis required.

Under that system, information is held in confidence if it falls in one or more of several types, the release of which might result in the loss of an existing or potential competitive advantage, as follows:

    - (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.
- (e) It reveals aspects of past, present, or future Westinghouse or customer funded development plans and programs of potential commercial value to Westinghouse.
- (f) It contains patentable ideas, for which patent protection may be desirable.

There are sound policy reasons behind the Westinghouse system which include the following:

- (a) The use of such information by Westinghouse gives Westinghouse a competitive advantage over its competitors. It is, therefore, withheld from disclosure to protect the Westinghouse competitive position.
- (b) It is information that is marketable in many ways. The extent to which such information is available to competitors diminishes the Westinghouse ability to sell products and services involving the use of the information.
- (c) Use by our competitor would put Westinghouse at a competitive disadvantage by reducing his expenditure of resources at our expense.
- (d) Each component of proprietary information pertinent to a particular competitive advantage is potentially as valuable as the total competitive advantage. If competitors acquire components of proprietary information, any one component



may be the key to the entire puzzle, thereby depriving Westinghouse of a competitive advantage.

- (e) Unrestricted disclosure would jeopardize the position of prominence of Westinghouse in the world market, and thereby give a market advantage to the competition of those countries.
  - (f) The Westinghouse capacity to invest corporate assets in research and development depends upon the success in obtaining and maintaining a competitive advantage.
- (iii) The information is being transmitted to the Commission in confidence and, under the provisions of 10 CFR Section 2.390; it is to be received in confidence by the Commission.
- (iv) The information sought to be protected is not available in public sources or available information has not been previously employed in the same original manner or method to the best of our knowledge and belief.
- (v) The proprietary information sought to be withheld in this submittal is that which is appropriately marked in WCAP-16925-P, Rev. 1, "Flaw Evaluation of CE Design RCP Suction and Discharge, and Safety Injection Nozzle Dissimilar-Metal Welds" (proprietary), dated July 2009, for the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group, being transmitted by PWROG letter OG-09-358, and Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure, to the Document Control Desk. The proprietary information as submitted by Westinghouse for the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group is expected to be applicable in other licensee submittals in response to certain NRC requirements for justification of the flaw tolerance of RCP suction and Discharge and Safety Injection Nozzles.

This information is part of that which will enable Westinghouse to:

- (a) Develop plant-specific flaw tolerance treatments.
- (b) Evaluate indications found during inservice inspection.

- (c) Expedientiously resolve inspection coverage issues.
- (d) Expedientiously revise inspection requirements in the ASME code, and gain NRC approvals for those changes

Further this information has substantial commercial value as follows:

- (a) Plants will use the result of the work to evaluate indications found by inservice inspection on a case by case basis
- (b) Westinghouse can sell support and defense of such evaluations
- (c) The information requested to be withheld reveals the distinguishing aspects of a methodology which was developed by Westinghouse.

Public disclosure of this proprietary information is likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of Westinghouse because it would enhance the ability of competitors to provide similar calculations and licensing defense services for commercial power reactors without commensurate expenses. Also, public disclosure of the information would enable others to use the information to meet NRC requirements for licensing documentation without purchasing the right to use the information.

The development of the technology described in part by the information is the result of applying the results of many years of experience in an intensive Westinghouse effort and the expenditure of a considerable sum of money.

In order for competitors of Westinghouse to duplicate this information, similar technical programs would have to be performed and a significant manpower effort, having the requisite talent and experience, would have to be expended.

Further the deponent sayeth not.

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In order to conform to the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 of the Commission's regulations concerning the protection of proprietary information so submitted to the NRC, the information which is proprietary in the proprietary versions is contained within brackets, and where the proprietary information has been deleted in the non-proprietary versions, only the brackets remain (the information that was contained within the brackets in the proprietary versions having been deleted). The justification for claiming the information so designated as proprietary is indicated in both versions by means of lower case letters (a) through (f) located as a superscript immediately following the brackets enclosing each item of information being identified as proprietary or in the margin opposite such information. These lower case letters refer to the types of information Westinghouse customarily holds in confidence identified in Sections (4)(ii)(a) through (4)(ii)(f) of the affidavit accompanying this transmittal pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1).

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