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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Request for Withholding of the following Proprietary Document:

DRAFT Document: MRP Responses to NRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE: ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE TOPICAL REPORT 1006596, "MATERIALS RELIABILITY PROGRAM (MRP): PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR INTERNALS INSPECTION AND EVALUATION GUIDELINES (MRP-227 – REV. 0) (TAC NO. ME0680), Dated August 24, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under 10 C.F.R. §2.390(a)(4) that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") withhold from public disclosure the information identified in the enclosed Affidavit consisting of the proprietary information owned by Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. ("EPRI") identified above (the "Draft Materials"). One copy each of the Draft Materials and the Affidavit in support of this request are enclosed.

EPRI desires to disclose the Draft Materials in confidence as a means of exchanging technical information with the NRC. The Draft Materials are not to be divulged to anyone outside of the NRC or to any of its contractors, nor shall any copies be made of the Draft Materials provided herein. EPRI welcomes any discussions and/or questions relating to the information enclosed.

If you have any questions about the legal aspects of this request for withholding, please do not hesitate to contact me at (650) 855-2019. Questions on the content of the Draft Materials should be directed to Anne Demma of EPRI at (650) 855-2026.

Sincerely,



David Steininger
Technical Director

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RE: Request for Withholding of the Following Proprietary Materials:

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I, DAVID STEININGER, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

I am a Technical Director of Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. whose principal office is located at 3420 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, California ("EPRI") and I have been specifically delegated responsibility for the above-listed draft materials that are sought under this Affidavit to be withheld (the "Draft Materials"). I am authorized to apply to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") for the withholding of the Draft Materials on behalf of EPRI.

Withholding Based on Draft Materials:

EPRI requests that the Draft Materials be withheld from public release based on the fact that the documents are draft documents. Footnote 1 of 10 C.F.R. §2.390 specifically excludes draft materials from the documents which may be made available to the public. Because of the draft nature of the Draft Materials and the potential for variance from the final version which will include such materials, it could be confusing, as well as potentially misleading, to the public if the Draft Materials were made publicly available:

Withholding Based Upon Privileged And Confidential Trade Secrets Or Commercial Or Financial Information:

a. The Draft Materials are owned by EPRI and have been held in confidence by EPRI. All entities accepting copies of the Draft Materials do so subject to written agreements imposing an obligation upon the recipient to maintain the confidentiality of the Draft Materials. The Draft Materials are disclosed only to parties who agree, in writing, to preserve the confidentiality thereof.

b. EPRI considers the Draft Materials and the proprietary information contained therein (the "Proprietary Information") to constitute trade secrets of EPRI. As such, EPRI holds the Draft Materials in confidence and disclosure thereof is strictly limited to individuals and entities who have agreed, in writing, to maintain the confidentiality of the Draft Materials. EPRI made a substantial economic investment to develop the Draft Materials, and, by prohibiting public disclosure, EPRI derives an economic benefit in the form of licensing royalties and other additional fees from the confidential nature of the Draft Materials. If the Draft Materials and the Proprietary Information were publicly available to consultants and/or other businesses providing services in the electric and/or nuclear power industry, they would be able to use the Draft Materials for their own commercial benefit and profit and without expending the substantial economic resources required of EPRI to develop the Draft Materials.

c. EPRI's classification of the Draft Materials and the Proprietary Information as trade secrets is justified by the Uniform Trade Secrets Act which California adopted in 1984 and a version of which has been adopted by over forty states. The California Uniform Trade Secrets Act, California Civil Code §§3426 – 3426.11, defines a "trade secret" as follows:

"Trade secret" means information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program device, method, technique, or process, that:

- (1) Derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to the public or to other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and
- (2) Is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy."

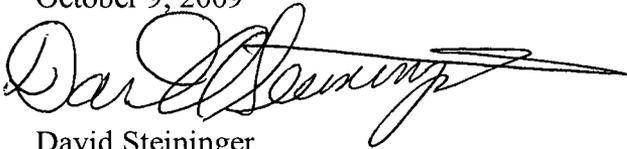
d. The Draft Materials and the Proprietary Information contained therein are not generally known or available to the public. EPRI developed the Draft Materials only after making a determination that the Proprietary Information was not available from public sources. EPRI made a substantial investment of both money and employee hours in the development of the Draft Materials. EPRI was required to devote these resources and effort to derive the Proprietary Information and the Draft Materials. As a result of such effort and cost, both in terms of dollars spent and dedicated employee time, the Draft Materials is highly valuable to EPRI.

e. A public disclosure of the Proprietary Information would be highly likely to cause substantial harm to EPRI's competitive position and the ability of EPRI to license the Proprietary Information both domestically and internationally. The Proprietary Information and Draft Materials can only be acquired and/or duplicated by others using an equivalent investment of time and effort.

I have read the foregoing and the matters stated herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I make this affidavit under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and under the laws of the State of California.

Executed at 3420 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, California being the premises and place of business of Electric Power Research Institute, Inc.

October 9, 2009


David Steininger

Subscribed and sworn before me this 9th day of October 2009

, Notary Public

My Commission expires March 20, 2011

