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Attention: Mr. Jeffery A. Ciocco

Docket No. 52-021
MHI Ref: UAP-HF-09546

Subject: MHI's Amended Response to US-APWR DCD RAI No.377-2629 Revision 1

- References:**
- 1) "Request for Additional Information No. 377-2629 Revision 1, SRP Section: 04.04 – Thermal and Hydraulic Design, Application Section: 4.4.2.5," dated May 29, 2009.
 - 2) "Input Manuals, Executable Files, and Sample Input Decks for MARVEL-M and VIPRE-01M US-APWR Non-LOCA Analysis Computer Programs", MHI Ref: UAP-HF-09434, dated August 28, 2009
 - 3) "MHI's Responses to US-APWR DCD RAI No. 377-2629 Revision 1", MHI Ref: UAP-HF-09336, dated June 25, 2009

With this letter, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. ("MHI") transmits to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") a document entitled "MHI's Amended Response to US-APWR DCD RAI No. 377-2629 Revision 1." This amendment is submitted to update the sensitivity factors in RTDP for DNB design based on the revised VIPRE-01M input reported to the NRC in Reference 2. Although the updated sensitivity factors are slightly changed, there is no impact on design limit of DNBR described on DCD.

Enclosed is the amended response to Question No. 04.04-4. MHI replaces the previous letter (Reference 3) with this amended response letter.

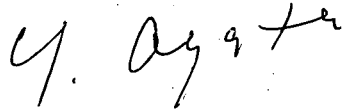
As indicated in the enclosed materials, this document contains information that MHI considers proprietary, and therefore should be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.390 (a)(4) as trade secrets and commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential. A non-proprietary version of the document is also being submitted with the information identified as proprietary redacted and replaced by the designation "[]".

This letter includes a copy of the proprietary version (Enclosure 2), a copy of the non-proprietary version (Enclosure 3), and the Affidavit of Yoshiki Ogata (Enclosure 1) which identifies the reasons MHI respectfully requests that all materials designated as "Proprietary" in Enclosure 2 be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.390 (a)(4).

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Please contact Dr. C. Keith Paulson, Senior Technical Manager, Mitsubishi Nuclear Energy Systems, Inc. if the NRC has questions concerning any aspect of the submittals. His contact information is below.

Sincerely,



Yoshiki Ogata,
General Manager- APWR Promoting Department
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, LTD.

Enclosures:

1. Affidavit of Yoshiki Ogata
2. MHI's Amended Responses to US-APWR DCD RAI No.377-2629 Revision 1 (proprietary)
3. MHI's Amended Responses to US-APWR DCD RAI No.377-2629 Revision 1 (non-proprietary)

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Enclosure 1

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Yoshiki Ogata, state as follows:

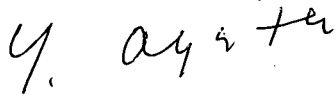
1. I am General Manager, APWR Promoting Department, of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, LTD ("MHI"), and have been delegated the function of reviewing MHI's US-APWR documentation to determine whether it contains information that should be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.390 (a)(4) as trade secrets and commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential.
2. In accordance with my responsibilities, I have reviewed the enclosed document entitled "MHI's Amended Responses to US-APWR DCD RAI No.377-2629 Revision 1", dated December 1, 2009, and have determined that portions of the document contain proprietary information that should be withheld from public disclosure. Those pages containing proprietary information are identified with the label "Proprietary" on the top of the page and the proprietary information has been bracketed with an open and closed bracket as shown here "[]". The first page of the document indicates that all information identified as "Proprietary" should be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.390 (a)(4).
3. The information identified as proprietary in the enclosed document has in the past been, and will continue to be, held in confidence by MHI and its disclosure outside the company is limited to regulatory bodies, customers and potential customers, and their agents, suppliers, and licensees, and others with a legitimate need for the information, and is always subject to suitable measures to protect it from unauthorized use or disclosure.
4. The basis for holding the referenced information confidential is that they describe the unique thermal and hydraulic design developed by MHI and not being used in the exact form by any MHI's competitors. This information was developed at significant cost to MHI, since it requires the performance of research and development and detailed design for its software and hardware extending over years.
5. The referenced information is being furnished to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") in confidence and solely for the purpose of information to the NRC staff.
6. The referenced information is not available in public sources and could not be gathered readily from other publicly available information. Other than through the provisions in paragraph 3 above, MHI knows of no way the information could be lawfully acquired by organizations or individuals outside of MHI.
7. Public disclosure of the referenced information would assist competitors of MHI in their design of new nuclear power plants without incurring the costs or risks associated with the design of the subject systems. Therefore, disclosure of the information contained in

the referenced document would have the following negative impacts on the competitive position of MHI in the U.S. nuclear plant market:

- A. Loss of competitive advantage due to the costs associated with the development of the unique thermal hydraulic design parameters.
- B. Loss of competitive advantage of the US-APWR created by benefits of enhanced plant safety, and reduced operation and maintenance costs associated with the thermal hydraulic design.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing affidavit and the matters stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed on this 2nd day of December, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Y. Ogata". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Yoshiaki Ogata,
General Manager- APWR Promoting Department
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, LTD.

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Enclosure 3

**UAP-HF-09546 Rev.0
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**MHI's Amended Response to US-APWR DCD RAI No.377-2629
Revision 1**

**December 2009
(Non-Proprietary)**

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

12/02/2009

**US-APWR Design Certification
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
Docket No. 52-021**

RAI NO.: NO. 377-2629 REVISION 1
SRP SECTION: 04.04 – THERMAL AND HYDRAULIC DESIGN
APPLICATION SECTION: 4.4.2.5
DATE OF RAI ISSUE: 5/29/2009

QUESTION NO.: 04.04-4

Provide a tabulation of all numerical uncertainty values considered in the statistical evaluation of DNBR for the US-APWR fuel. These uncertainties are discussed qualitatively in Design Control Document, Section 4.4.2.9.1 for DNB analyses.

ANSWER:

The Revised Thermal Design Procedure (RTDP, Ref. 04.04.4-1) is applied to obtain the design limit of the minimum DNBR in the US-APWR core. As required by applying the RTDP methodology, sensitivity factors are evaluated for the US-APWR based on the uncertainties of key parameters involving plant operating parameters, heat flux distribution, computer codes, and the DNB correlation. Tables 04.04.4-1 and 04.04.4-2 show the nominal and uncertainty values of those parameters in generic sense and the sensitivity factors for typical cell and thimble cell as well.

Since some of those uncertainties are dependent on the measurement error allowances of the plant-specific instrumentation and the fabrication tolerances of the manufactured fuel pellets, the design limit of minimum DNBR will be re-evaluated after the plant-specific uncertainties become available. The design limit and the safety analysis limit of minimum DNBR will be confirmed/ updated accordingly.

Table.04.04.4-1 US-APWR RTDP sensitivity factors for low flow rate condition (typical cell)

Parameters (x_i)	μ_i	σ_i	σ/μ_i	S_i	$S_i^2(\sigma/\mu_i)^2$
Power (fraction)					
T_{in} ($^{\circ}F$)					
Pressure (psia)					
Flow (fraction)					
Effective Core Flow (fraction)					
$F_{\Delta H}^N$					
$F_{\Delta H,1}^E$					
Subchannel Code					
Transient Code					

-Uncertainties of input parameters and code predictions:

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-Uncertainty of DNB correlation prediction (Refer to Table B.3-6 in Appendix B of Ref. 04.04-4-2):

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-Design Limit of minimum DNBR (DL)

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where,

- μ : mean or nominal value
- σ : standard deviation
- S_i : sensitivity factor associated with i-th parameter, x_i ($=\partial(\ln y)/\partial(\ln x_i)$)
- y: DNBR(variable)/DNBR(nominal)
- M/P: measured to predicted ratio of DNB heat flux
- z: (M/P) x (y)

Table.04.04.4-2 US-APWR RTDP sensitivity factors for low flow rate condition (thimble cell)

Parameters (x_i)	μ_i	σ_i	σ_i/μ_i	S_i	$S_i^2(\sigma/\mu_i)^2$
Power (fraction)					
T_{in} ($^{\circ}F$)					
Pressure (psia)					
Flow (fraction)					
Effective Core Flow (fraction)					
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References

04.04.4-1 Friedland, A. J. and Ray, S., "Revised Thermal Design Procedure," WCAP-11397-P-A, April 1989.

04.04.4-2 "Thermal Design Methodology," MUAP-07009-P, May 2007.

Impact on DCD

There is no impact on the DCD.

Impact on COLA

There is no impact on the COLA.

Impact on PRA

There is no impact on the PRA.