Docket No. 50-286

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REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE SUBJECT:

(TAC NO. 69543)

By your application dated January 25, 1989 and your affidavit dated November 16, 1988, you submitted WCAP-12003, Revision 1, (Proprietary) and WCAP-12004, Revision 1, (Non-Proprietary), "Westinghouse Improved Thermal Design Procedure Instrument Uncertainty Methodology for Consolidated Edison Company of New York - Indian Point 2," December 1988, and requested that it be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790.

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

- (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, and release of which might result in the loss of an existing or potential competitive advantage, as follows:

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.

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- (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.
- (g) It is not the property of Westinghouse, but must be treated as proprietary by Westinghouse according to agreements with the owner.

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 which 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 assest in research and development depends on 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 2.790, 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 "Westinghouse Improved Thermal Design Procedure Instrument Uncertainty Calculations for Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2," WCAP-11594 (Proprietary), for Diablo Canyon Power Plant Units 1 and 2, being transmitted by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company letter and Application for Withholding Proprietary Information from Public Disclosure, J. D. Shiffer, PG&E. to U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Document Control Desk, November 30, 1988. The proprietary information as submitted for use by Pacific Gas & Electric Company for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant Units 1 and 2 is expected to be applicable in other licensee submittals in response to certain NRC requirements for justification of plant specific calculations for the uncertainties associated with Pressurizer Pressure, Reactor Coolant System (RCS) Coolant Average Temperature (Tayg), RCS Flow, and Reactor Power for use in the Improved Thermal Design Procedure.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 and, on the basis of Westinghouse's statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains trade secrets or proprietary commercial information.

Therefore, the version(s) of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

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