

January 19, 2010

Ms. Julie Olivier, Licensing Manager  
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF GENERAL ELECTRIC HITACHI REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING  
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Dear Ms. Olivier:

On November 24, 2009, Mr. Matthew G. Allen transmitted an affidavit, signed by Ms. Tillie Lim, requesting that information, related to the General Electric-Hitachi (GEH) laser enrichment Facility Clearance Application, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 2.390. Mr. Allen did not provide a non-proprietary version of the information.

In the affidavit, dated November 24, 2009, Ms. Lim stated that Hitachi America, Ltd. (HAL) wishes to withhold, from public disclosure, Mr. Allen's letter and enclosures 1 and 2 of the November 24, 2009, letter as proprietary information. Mr. Allen's letter and enclosures 1 and 2 discuss HAL corporate changes to the Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence information submitted with the GEH Facility Clearance Application.

In the affidavit, Ms. Lim stated that the above documents should be withheld from public disclosure for the following reasons:

1. It contains information that discloses commercial strategies and planning information related to HAL's operations;
2. It contains commercial and/or financial information and, if used by a competitor, could improve its competitive position;
3. The information is being submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in confidence and is information that is typically held in confidence by HAL and is in fact held in confidence by HAL; and
4. The information has the potential to result in substantial harm to the competitive position of HAL and reduce or foreclose the availability of profit opportunities.

We have reviewed the justification that Ms. Lim provided in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of Ms. Lim's statements, have determined that the November 24, 2009, letter from Mr. Allen and enclosures 1 and 2 of that letter sought to be withheld contain proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Withholding information 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 NRC. You should also 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, please contact Mr. Timothy C. Johnson at (301) 492-312, or via email at [Timothy.Johnson@nrc.gov](mailto:Timothy.Johnson@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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